

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on January 14, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 12, 1/9/2013; SB 55, 1/9/2013; SB 69, 1/9/2013; SB 79,
1/9/2013

HEARING ON SB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:29 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 12, Require temporary appropriation for state group benefit plan expenditures.

EXHIBIT(phs06a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:37 Dr. James Burkholder, President, St. Peters Medical Group (SPMG)

00:18:11 Martha Poell, Nurse, Wellness Department, St. Peters Hospital

00:22:01 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:13 Amy Sassano, Deputy Budget Director, Governors Office of Budget Programming and Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony:

00:28:48 Russ Hill, Administrator of Health Care & Benefits Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:21 Sen. Thomas

00:30:03 Sen. Lewis

00:34:35 Sen. Thomas

00:35:40 Ms. Sassano, OBPP

00:37:18 Sen. Thomas

00:38:04 Mr. Hill, DOA

00:38:53 Sen. Jergeson

00:47:47 Sen. Lewis

00:49:52 Sen. Wanzneried

00:53:56 Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:31 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 69

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:12 Sen. Edward Walker (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 69, Revise Medicaid qualification enforcement laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:27 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

[EXHIBIT\(phs06a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs06a03\)](#)

01:08:48 Brian Huso, Administrator, Eagle Cliff Health Care Community (ECHCC)

01:12:34 Casey Blumenthal, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

01:14:11 Kathy Hammond, Executive Director, Village Health Care Center (VHCC)

01:16:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Billing's Clinic

01:17:39 Bill Powell, Administrator, Rocky Mountain Health Care (RMHC)

01:19:39 Guy Hayter, Administrator, Big Sky Health Care (BSHC)

01:21:31 Pat McCoy, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:22:58 Katherine Buckley-Patton, Deputy Administrator, Human and Community Service Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:21 Sen. Thomas

01:24:14 Sen. Walker

01:24:55 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:20 Sen. Walker

HEARING ON SB 55

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:25 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 55, clarify coverage of routine costs for patients in approved clinical trials.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:31 Dr. Jack Hensold, Medical Oncologist, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

01:39:14 Brandon Steele, representing himself

01:42:25 Cory Hartman, Registered Nurse, Transplant Case Manager, Vice President of Clinical Operations for New West Health Services and Insurance Company

01:46:32 Dr. John Schallenkamp. Physician, Billings Clinic, Chairman of the Department of Radiation and Oncology and Principle Investigator of the National Cancer Institute, Community Cancer Center Program

[EXHIBIT\(phs06a04\)](#)

01:50:28 Linda Wetzel, representing herself
01:59:05 Becky Franks, Co-Chair, Montana Comprehensive Cancer Coalition (MCCC)
02:00:43 Janette May, representing herself
02:01:21 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
02:01:58 Jane Smilie, Administrator, Public Health & Safety Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT(phs06a05)

02:02:21 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
02:02:43 Bill Warden on behalf of Montana Deaconess Hospital, St. Peters Hospital, Benefis Health Care Systems
02:03:10 Lucas Hamilton, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI), State Auditor

EXHIBIT(phs06a06)

02:03:39 Bruce Spencer representing Americas Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:30 Sen. Kaufmann

HEARING ON SB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:05:01 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 79, Revise laws regarding access to nonprofit hospital records.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:10:44 Pat McCoy, representing himself

EXHIBIT(phs06a07)

02:18:59 John Dracon, representing himself

EXHIBIT(phs06a08)

EXHIBIT(phs06a09)

02:27:27 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:30:52 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
02:35:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Non-Profit Association (MNPA)
02:37:02 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:40:04 Sen. Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:44 p.m.

Julie Emge, Secretary

je

Additional Documents

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs06aad.pdf](#))