

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Priest, on February 6, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:**

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 223, 2/1/2013

Executive Action: SB 7 Vote Not Reported Out Of Committee  
SB 149 Do Pass As Amended

**HEARING ON SB 223**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:30 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 223, Require plan for terminating Montana comprehensive health association laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:12 Tanya Ask, representing New West Health Services (NWHS), Chairperson, Montana Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA)  
00:17:20 Drew Geiger, representing Montana Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA)  
00:19:22 Adam Schafer, Office of the Commissioner of Securities & Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:20 Sen. Thomas  
00:22:18 Ms. Ask, NWHS, MCHA  
00:22:57 Chairman Priest  
00:25:37 Ms. Ask  
00:26:30 Sen. Jergeson  
00:26:53 Ms. Ask  
00:27:53 Chairman Priest  
00:28:04 Sen. Caferro  
00:28:15 Chairman Priest  
00:28:33 Ms. Ask  
00:29:35 Chairman Priest  
00:29:55 Christina Goe, Office of the Commissioner of Securities & Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:43 Sen. Caferro

(Sen. Wanzenried absent during Executive Action)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 7**

00:31:15 Chairman Priest  
00:32:11 Ms. Sandru, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:32:33 Chairman Priest

00:32:44 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 7 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
(previously amended on January 16, 2013)

**Discussion:**

00:32:48 Chairman Priest  
00:34:14 Sen. Caferro  
00:36:23 Sen. Thomas  
00:37:22 Sen. Caferro  
00:37:50 Chairman Priest  
00:41:56 Sen. Caferro  
00:42:02 Chairman Priest

00:42:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy (Vote not reported out of committee).

00:42:56 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 7 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

00:43:20 Chairman Priest  
00:43.30 Sen. Thomas

00:43:37 Sen. Thomas **WITHDREW MOTION SB 7 BE TABLED**

**Discussion:**

00:43:41 Sen. Caferro  
00:43:46 Sen. Thomas  
00:43:56 Sen. Caferro  
00:44:05 Sen. Thomas  
00:44:12 Chairman Priest  
00:44:26 Sen. Thomas  
00:44:32 Chairman Priest

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 149**

00:45:15 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 149 DO PASS.**

00:45:59 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 149 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(phs26a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:49:54 Sen. Jergeson  
00:50:05 Sen. Thomas  
00:50:16 Chairman Priest

00:50:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

00:50:50

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 149 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:42 p.m.

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs26aad.pdf](#))**