

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Terry Murphy, on February 8, 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 254, 2/5/2013

**HEARING ON SB 254**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:22 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 254, Generally revise developmental disability laws.

00:38:00 Sen. Wittich entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:39:20 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Executive Director, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)  
[EXHIBIT\(phs28a01\)](#)

00:48:26 Elizabeth Jones, representing Disability Rights Montana (DRM)  
[EXHIBIT\(phs28a02\)](#)

00:54:35 Stacy Fisk, representing herself  
00:58:19 Melise Jordan, representing herself  
01:03:57 Larry Noonan, CEO, Anaconda Work and Residential Enterprises, Inc. (AWARE)  
01:10:04 Joel Peden, representing Independent Living Centers of Billings (ILC), Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow (LITT) of Great Falls, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS) and Summit Independent Living Centers (SILC) of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(phs28a03\)](#)

01:13:38 April Palmer, representing herself  
[EXHIBIT\(phs28a04\)](#)

01:20:55 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

01:23:38 Andree Larose, representing herself

01:31:33 Kenji Swain, submitting testimony on behalf of Bryher Herak

[EXHIBIT\(phs28a05\)](#)

01:31:51 Moe Wosepka, representing the Catholic Bishops of the State of Montana

01:32:02 Jim Uecker, Executive Director, Residential Support Services (RSS), Billings

01:32:40 Brodie Moll, CEO, Mission Mountain Enterprises (MME)

01:32:57 Beth Brenneman, representing Disability Rights of Montana (DRM)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:33:32 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 77, representing himself

01:35:43 Richard Opper, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:43:37 Terry Minow, Political Director & Student Program Coordinator, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:47:05 Timm Twardoski, Executive Director, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

01:50:46 Leonard Wortman, Chairman, Jefferson County Commission (JCC)

[EXHIBIT\(phs28a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs28a07\)](#)

01:54:18 Michael Fitzpatrick, representing himself

01:55:11 Tom Harrington, Assistant Manager, Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)

01:58:24 Tara Mastel, Manager, Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)

02:00:53 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, representing himself

02:01:46 Jane Lee Hamman, representing herself

02:03:45 Dave Kirsch, representing himself

02:07:02 Jan Anderson, Editor & Publisher, Boulder Monitor

02:09:13 Jim Whealon, representing himself

**Informational Testimony:**

02:10:48 Fran Sadowski, CEO, Missoula Developmental Service Corporation (MDSC)

[EXHIBIT\(phs28a08\)](#)

02:11:48 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

02:12:34 Alicia Pichette, Executive Director, Mental Disability Board of Visitors (MDBOV)

02:13:02 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:13:42 Sen. Wanzenried

02:21:40 Sen. Caferro

02:22:06 Sen. Jergeson

02:24:17 Mr. Opper, DPHHS

02:24:35 Bob Runkel, Economic Security Services Branch Manager, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

02:25:42 Sen. Thomas

02:29:05 Mr. Opper

02:29:22 Sen. Murphy

02:29:50 Mr. Kuntz, NAMI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:31:13 Sen. Caferro

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:25 p.m.

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([phs28aad.pdf](#))**