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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Vice Chair Terry Murphy, on February 18, 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. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused:

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

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 292, 2/12/2013; SB 272, 2/11/2013; SB 315, 2/14/2013;
SB 296, 2/12/2013; SB 297, 2/12/2013

HEARING ON SB 292

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:47 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 292, Revise medical peer review laws to clarify definitions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:10 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:25:45 Bill Gallea, MD, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:30:55 Greg Drapes, CEO, Monida Healthcare Network (MHCN)
00:37:06 Bob Olsen, representing Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
00:39:05 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic (BC)
00:39:30 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
00:39:54 Bill Warden, representing St. Peter's Hospital (SPH), Benefis Health System (BHS), Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (BDH)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:22 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:45 Sen. Tutvedt

HEARING ON SB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:34 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 272, Create Montana Indian Child Welfare Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:30 Dulaney Collins, representing herself
00:52:37 Sarah Corbally, Administrator, Child and Family Services Division (CFSD), Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:06 Richard "Fritz" Gillespie, Chairman, Public Defender Commission (PDC)

Informational Testimony:

01:04:36 Maylinn Smith, Director, Indian Law Clinic (ILC), Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
Case Expert

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:13 Sen. Wanzenried
01:07:05 Sen. Windy Boy
01:08:11 Sen. Wanzenried
01:08:25 Ms. Smith, ILC, ICWA
01:09:12 Sen. Jergeson
01:09:42 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:27 Sen. Windy Boy

HEARING ON SB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:25 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 315, Provide for
monitoring of childhood body mass index trends.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:11 Aimee Grmoljez, representing Billings Clinic (BC)
01:18:54 Claire Kenamore, MD, Billings Clinic (BC)

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01:22:37 Erin McGowan Fincham, Association of Montana Public Health Officials
(AMPHO), Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)
01:24:14 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
01:25:15 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:35 Sen. Kaufmann

HEARING ON SB 297

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:27:27 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 297, Revise laws related to health care provider service payments.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:32 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
01:32:57 Mark Taylor, representing Benefis Health System (BHS) and Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

01:33:00 Sen. Wittich entered the hearing.

01:37:31 Aimee Grmoljez, representing Billings Clinic (BC)
01:40:50 Glenn Oppel, Government Relations Director, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
01:41:40 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)
01:43:13 Bill Warden, representing St. Peter's Hospital (SPH) and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (BDH)
01:43:43 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
01:44:09 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:44:41 Drew Blewett, representing Hoyt and Blewett, PLLC (HB)
01:55:28 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:03:11 Sen. Wanzonried
02:05:23 Mr. Taylor, BHS, MHA
02:05:47 Sen. Thomas
02:06:47 Mr. Taylor
02:08:35 Sen. Thomas
02:15:58 Ms. Grmoljez, BC
02:16:13 Sen. Wittich
02:19:15 Sen. Arntzen

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02:19:39 Sen. Wittich
02:35:15 Mr. Smith, MTLA
02:35:54 Sen. Jergeson
02:37:19 Mr. Taylor
02:40:00 Sen. Thomas
02:44:03 Mr. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

02:44:47 Sen. Arntzen

HEARING ON SB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:49:25 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 296, Provide protections for physician treatment of Lyme disease.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:55:22 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:56:26 Sen. Jergeson

02:59:36 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

02:59:47 Sen. Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:46 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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