

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Priest, on March 8, 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: SJ 20, 2/27/2013

**HEARING ON SJ 20**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:09 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 24, opened the hearing on SJ 20, Resolution requesting a legislative study on prescription drug abuse.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs50a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:18 Sharon Mulvehill, MD, RiverStone Health Clinic (RSHC)

00:13:55 Deborah Agnew, MD, Chief Primary Care, Billings Clinic (BC)

00:19:32 Barbara Schneeman, RiverStone Health Clinic (RSHC), Montana Public Health Association (MPHA), Montana Public Health Officials (MPHO), Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA)

00:21:21 Carla Huitt, MD, Medical Director, Workers Compensation Assistance Bureau (WCAB), Medical Claims Regulation, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) and Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:24:16 Chairman Priest left the hearing.

00:29:36 Jon Bennion, Montana Department of Justice (MT DOJ)

00:30:17 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorney Association (MCAA)

00:31:11 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)

00:33:04 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:19 Sen. Wanzenried

00:34:45 Dr. Mulvehill, RSHC

00:35:57 Sen. Jergeson

00:36:50 Alexis Sandru, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:37:11 Sen. Jergeson

00:38:32 Mr. Doggett, MPA

00:38:42 Chairman Priest re-entered the hearing.

00:40:23 Sen. Jergeson

00:40:47 Dr. Mulvehill

00:42:08 Chairman Priest

00:42:48 Sen. Webb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:43:41 Sen. Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:40 pm

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs50aad.pdf](#))**