

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on March 15, 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. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

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: HB 12, 3/8/2013; HB 48, 3/8/2013: HB 100, 3/6/2013

Executive Action: SB 254: Partial Action
HB 162: Concur as Amended (Carried by Sen. Thomas)
HB 12: Concur as Amended (Carried by Sen. Jergeson)

HEARING ON HB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:54 Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 12, Appropriate funds for provider payments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:59 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA), Montana Catholic Hospitals (MCH)

00:14:36 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Rehabilitation (MAR), Montana Centers for Independent Living (MCIL)

00:15:25 Gary Spaeth, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

EXHIBIT(phs56a01)

00:18:00 Bob Maffit, Executive Director, Montana Independent Living Project (MILP)

00:19:46 Lora Cowee, Government Relations, Intermountain

EXHIBIT(phs56a02)

00:21:36 Aimee Grmoljez, representing Billings Clinic (BC)

00:22:05 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

00:22:45 Greg Olsen, Director of Programs, Helena Industries (HI)

00:23:43 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals-Goodwill, Northern Rocky Mountain (ESGW-NRM)

00:24:34 Erin McGowan-Fincham, Executive Director, Montana Children's Initiative (MCI), Montana Advocates for Children (MAC), Montana Community Mental Health Centers (MCMHC)

00:25:14 Don Judge, representing Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

00:25:51 Jean Branscum, Executive Vice President, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:26:36 Gary Milhelish, MD, representing himself

00:27:26 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Medical Care (KRMC)

00:27:54 Mike Mahoney, Executive Director, Family Outreach Incorporated (FOI)

00:28:34 Jim Ahrens, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

00:28:49 Beth Brenneman, representing Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:36 Rep. Pease-Lopez

HEARING ON HB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:54 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 48, Revise Insure Montana laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:11 Adam Schafer, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

00:38:43 Erin McGowan-Fincham, representing herself and as Chairperson, Insure Montana Governing Board (IMGB)

00:39:52 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:31 Sen. Caferro

00:40:50 Mr. Schafer, CSI

00:41:00 Jill Sark, Insure Montana (IM)

00:41:38 Sen. Caferro

00:44:36 Ms. Sark, IM

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:55 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 100

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:00 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 100, Create a medicaid pay-for-performance pilot project.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:40 Glenn McFarlane, CEO, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

00:50:36 Jim Fitzgerald, CEO, Intermountain

00:54:07 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

00:55:38 Todd Garrison, Executive Director, ChildWise Institute (CWI)

00:57:26 Gary Mihelish, MD, representing himself

00:59:05 Erin McGowan-Fincham, Montana Children's Initiative (MCI)

01:00:33 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:44 Chairman Priest
01:02:25 Rep. Ehli
01:03:15 Chairman Priest
01:06:06 Mr. Fitzgerald, Intermountain

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:03 Rep. Ehli

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 254

01:10:01 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 254 DO PASS.**

01:11:33 **Motion:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **SB 254 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(phs56a03)

Discussion:

01:11:47 Sen. Jergeson
01:13:48 Sen. Wanzenried
01:15:34 Sen. Caferro
01:16:08 Sen. Murphy

01:17:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wittich voting aye. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:18:50 Sen. Murphy
01:18:54 Chairman Priest
01:19:01 Sen. Jergeson
01:19:57 Sen. Thomas
01:20:32 Chairman Priest
01:21:51 Sen. Caferro

01:27:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro and Sen. Wittich voting aye. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. (Due to failed vote, SB 254 remains in committee.)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 12

1:28:50 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 12 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:28:54 Sen. Jergeson

01:30:05 Chairman Priest
01:30:17 Sen. Caferro
01:31:06 Sen. Priest
01:32:09 Sen. Jergeson

01:32:22 **Motion:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **HB 12 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:33:26 Sen. Thomas
01:33:39 Sen. Jergeson
01:34:03 Chairman Priest
01:34:10 Sen. Jergeson
01:34:31 Sen. Wanzenried
01:34:55 Chairman Priest
01:35:24 Sen. Caferro
01:35:49 Chairman Priest
01:36:02 Sen. Jergeson
01:36:51 Sen. Wanzenried
01:37:00 Chairman Priest
01:38:03 Sen. Thomas

01:38:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Murphy and Sen. Wittich voting no. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

01:39:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **HB 12 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wittich was excused. Sen. Jergeson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 162

01:42:11 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 162 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:42:20 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HB 162 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(phs56a04)

Discussion:

01:42:31 Sen. Wanzenried
01:42:48 Alexis Sandru, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:43:03 Sen. Wanzenried
01:44:04 Sen. Thomas
01:46:03 Sen. Caferro
01:46:50 Sen. Wanzenried
01:47:47 Chairman Priest
01:48:34 Sen. Thomas
01:50:04 Sen. Caferro
01:50:37 Chairman Priest
01:51:54 Sen. Wanzenried

- 01:51:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.
- 01:51:14 Sen. Wanzenried left the hearing.
- 01:51:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Priest moved that **HB 162 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wittich was excused.
- EXHIBIT**(phs56a05)
- 01:52:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 162 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:44 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Document

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs56aad.pdf](#))