

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on April 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 76, 4/4/2013; HB 262, 4/4/2013; HB 583, 4/4/2013; HB 604, 4/4/2013

Executive Action: HB 583, Be Concurred In As Amended

HEARING ON HB 604

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:29 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 604, Create Select Committee on Medicaid Innovation, Reform, and Expansion.
00:14:29 Sen. Thomas entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:38 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI, Montana
00:16:20 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association
00:16:41 Sen. Murphy entered the hearing.
00:16:45 Kiley Keane, Montana Medical Association
00:17:14 Aimee Grmoljez, New West Health Insurance and Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:23 Sen. Jergeson
00:18:44 Rep. Smith
00:19:27 Sen. Caferro
00:21:57 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:30 Rep. Smith
00:23:19 Chairman Priest

HEARING ON HB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:59 Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 76, Creating an independent office of child and family ombudsman.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:01 Keith Newmeyer, self
00:28:03 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Churches (MAC)
00:29:16 Mary Leibrand, self
00:31:43 April Hall, self

00:33:35 Cleve Loney, self
00:38:28 Jim Ahrens, Montana Children's Initiative
00:38:55 Lara Cowee, Intermountain

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:39:54 Jon Bennion, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:42:21 Sarah Corbally, Administrator, Family and Child Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:39 Sen. Jergeson
00:46:41 Mr. Bennion, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:24 Rep. Pease-Lopez

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:08 Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 262, Allow medicaid eligibility for minors subject to a subsidized guardianship.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:57 Sarah Corbally, Administrator, Family and Child Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:32 Sen. Murphy
00:53:59 Ms. Corbally, DPHHS
00:54:34 Chairman Priest
00:54:54 Ms. Corbally

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:44 Rep. Hill
00:56:35 recess
00:58:00 reconvene

HEARING ON HB 583

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:16 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 583, Establish Montana Suicide Review Team.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:26 Dr. Leonard Lantz, Physican, specializing in psychiatry, Helena, Montana
01:01:39 Dr. Heather Zaluski, self, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Shodair Children's Hospital
01:03:05 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 89
01:04:28 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI, Montana
01:05:48 Aimee Grmojez, Billings Clinic and also speaking for Mike Foster, representing all the Catholic Hospitals
01:06:22 Kiley Keane, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:10 Sen. Murphy
01:07:40 Mr. Kuntz, NAMI
01:08:01 Dr. Lantz, self
01:08:29 Sen. Murphy
01:09:09 Dr. Lantz
01:09:35 Chairman Priest
01:09:49 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:08 Rep. Cook

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 583

01:13:04 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:13:24 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **HB 583 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(phs73a01\)](#)

Discussion:

01:13:38 Sen. Caferro
01:13:52 Sen. Jergeson

01:15:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas and Sen. Wittich were excused.

01:15:19

Motion/Vote: Sen. Caferro moved that **HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas and Sen. Wittich were excused. Sen. Caferro will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs73aad.pdf](#))