

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on January 19, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

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: HB 200, 1/14/2015

00:00:36 Chairman Wittich

Hearing Testimony from Office of Public Assistance Staff (OPA) (DPHHS)

00:02:06 Rep. Jacobson
00:02:26 Chairman Wittich
00:03:00 Rep. Jacobson
00:03:27 Chairman Wittich
00:04:30 Rep. Jacobson
00:04:40 Chairman Wittich
00:05:11 Rep. Eck
00:05:30 Chairman Wittich
00:06:17 Rep. Eck
00:06:43 Chairman Wittich
00:07:39 Kirsten Brown, Office of Public Assistance (OPA), Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT(huh11a01)

00:12:23 Chairman Wittich
00:12:58 John Desch, Office of Public Assistance (OPA), Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT(huh11a02)

00:13:58 Rep. Hess entered the room
00:19:13 Linda Ruther, Office of Public Assistance (OPA), Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:23:05 Chairman Wittich

EXHIBIT(huh11a03)

00:23:49 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:24:04 Chairman Wittich
00:24:51 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:25:20 Chairman Wittich
00:25:42 Rep. Olszewski
00:26:30 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:28:16 Rep. Olszewski
00:28:44 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:28:48 Rep. Olszewski
00:29:10 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:29:19 Rep. Hill
00:30:09 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:31:03 Rep. Hill
00:31:09 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:31:14 Chairman Wittich
00:32:06 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:34:05 Chairman Wittich
00:34:14 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:34:37 Rep. Hill
00:35:19 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:35:51 Linda Ruther, OPA DPHHS
00:36:39 Rep. Hill

00:36:52 Linda Ruther, OPA DPHHS
00:37:25 Rep. Karjala
00:37:57 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:38:26 Rep. Karjala
00:38:34 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:39:48 Rep. Karjala
00:40:12 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:40:46 Rep. Karjala
00:41:02 Chairman Wittich
00:41:39 Rep. Hunter
00:42:35 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:43:01 Rep. Hunter
00:43:06 Chairman Wittich
00:43:31 Rep. Jacobson
00:44:11 Chairman Wittich
00:44:37 Rep. Redfield
00:45:18 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:45:25 John Desch, OPA DPHHS
00:46:43 Rep. Wagoner
00:47:24 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:47:31 Rep. Wagoner
00:47:57 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:49:04 Rep. Wagoner
00:49:17 Linda Ruther, OPA DPHHS
00:49:34 Rep. Wagoner
00:50:33 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:50:39 Rep. Ricci
00:51:09 Linda Ruther, OPA DPHHS
00:51:42 Rep. Harris
00:52:30 Linda Ruther, OPA DPHHS
00:51:57 Rep. Eck
00:52:26 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:53:09 Rep. Eck
00:53:24 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:54:16 Rep. Eck
00:55:27 Chairman Wittich
00:54:38 Rep. Eck
00:55:04 Kirsten Brown, OPA DPHHS
00:55:07 Rep. Eck
00:55:13 Chairman Wittich
00:55:23 Rep. Eck **REQUESTED A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**
00:55:45 Chairman Wittich **DENIED THE REQUEST.**
00:56:00 Rep. Eck **APPEALED THE CHAIRMAN'S RULING**
00:56:07 Chairman Wittich

00:56:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting aye.

00:57:14 Chairman Wittich
00:57:23 Rep. Pease Lopez

00:57:54 John Desch, OPA DPHHS
 00:57:58 Rep. Pease Lopez
 00:58:06 John Desch, OPA DPHHS
 00:58:35 Rep. Pease Lopez
 00:58:39 Chairman Wittich
 00:59:16 Recess
 01:06:53 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 200

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:06 Rep. Randall Pinocci (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 200, Require drug screening & testing for temp assistance for needy families program.

01:10:09 Rep. Wagoner

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:54 George Paul, Cascade Republican Central Committee

[**EXHIBIT\(huh11a04\)**](#)

01:13:39 Rudolph Tankink, Self

01:17:37 Debra Briscoe, Self

[**EXHIBIT\(huh11a05\)**](#)

01:21:13 Harvey Hollandsworth, Self

[**EXHIBIT\(huh11a06\)**](#)

01:24:05 Sheridan Buck, Self

[**EXHIBIT\(huh11a07\)**](#)

01:27:44 Ron Hepp, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:16 Bob Runckel, Economic Security, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:35:56 Mark Cadwallader, Self

01:38:28 Niki Zupanic, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

01:43:19 Karen Heisler, RDI Financial

[**EXHIBIT\(huh11a08\)**](#)

01:47:51 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence

01:48:54 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

01:49:20 Melissa Smylie, Self

01:51:45 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

01:52:03 Terry Minow, MEA MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:39 Rep. Hill

01:53:29 Rep. Pinocci

01:53:34 Rep. Hill
01:53:43 Rep. Pinocci
01:53:57 Rep. Hill
01:54:06 Rep. Pinocci
01:54:10 Rep. Hill
01:54:32 Rep. Pinocci
01:54:39 Rep. Jacobson
01:55:09 Rep. Pinocci
01:55:37 Rep. Jacobson
01:55:48 Rep. Pinocci
01:56:01 Rep. Jacobson
01:56:23 Rep. Pinocci
01:56:42 Rep. Jacobson
01:56:52 Rep. Pinocci
01:57:00 Rep. Karjala
01:57:17 Rep. Pinocci
01:57:45 Rep. Wagoner
01:58:02 Rep. Karjala
01:58:09 Rep. Pinocci
01:58:28 Rep. Karjala
01:58:35 Rep. Pinocci
01:58:44 Rep. Harris
01:59:49 Bob Runkel,(DPHHS)
02:00:15 Rep. Mandeville
02:00:43 Nicki Zupanic, (ACLU)
02:02:26 Rep. Mandeville
02:02:34 Niki Zupanic (ACLU)
02:03:15 Rep. Redfield
02:03:32 Niki Zupanic (ACLU)
02:04:11 Rep. Jacobson
02:04:38 Rep. Pinocci
02:04:47 Rep. Jacobson
02:04:55 Rep. Pinocci
02:05:01 Rep. Jacobson
02:05:06 Rep. Pinocci
02:05:16 Rep. Jacobson
02:06:07 Rep. Pinocci
02:06:59 Rep. Berglee
02:07:40 Rep. Pinocci
02:08:00 Rep. Hess
02:08:19 Rep. Pinocci
02:08:43 Rep. Wagoner
02:08:48 Rep. Pierson
02:08:59 Rep. Pinocci

Closing by Sponsor:

02:09:10 Rep. Pinocci
02:09:52 Rep. Wagoner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:10:02

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh11aad.pdf](#))