

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on January 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, 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: HB 33, 1/26/2015; HB 34, 1/26/2015

00:01:23 Chair Ballance
 00:02:01 Rep. Noonan arrived.

HEARING ON HB 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:14 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 33, Appropriate money for new or expanded mental health crisis intervention.

00:08:01 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:25 Patti Jacques, self
 00:09:51 Natalie McGillen, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)
 00:11:23 Diane Conti, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)
 00:12:32 Barb Mettler, South Cental Montana Regional Mental Health Center (SCMRMHC)
 00:13:46 Bill Fulbright, Ravalli County Attorney Office (RCAO)
 00:17:12 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance For The Mentally Ill Montana (NAMI)
 00:19:10 Susie Mosness, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:19:43 Rep. Woods arrived.
 00:20:12 Paul Meyer, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)
 00:22:16 John Wilkinson, self
 00:25:04 Niki Zupanic, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
 00:27:22 Jean Curtiss, Missoula County (MC), Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)
 00:29:05 Sharon Brown, self
 00:32:56 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
 00:34:23 Kathy McGowan, Mental Health Center (MHC), Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
 00:38:26 Brian Gootkin, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA), also expressed support for HB 34.
 00:40:17 Chris Hoffman, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA), also expressed support for HB 34.
 00:41:52 Pat Roos, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA), also expressed support for HB 34.

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00:42:52 Mike Linder, Yellowstone County Sheriff Office (YCSO), also expressed support for HB 34.
 00:43:36 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
 00:46:43 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic (BC)
 00:49:01 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
 00:50:12 Rep. Brodehl
 00:51:31 Mitch Everts, International Think Tank (ITT)
 00:53:39 Jon Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:37 Rep. McCarthy
00:55:20 Rep. Ehli
00:57:01 Rep. McCarthy
00:57:26 Rep. Dudik
00:58:08 Rep. Ehli
00:58:40 Chair Ballance
00:58:54 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:59:50 Rep. Dudik
01:00:28 Rep. Ehli
01:01:07 Rep. Dudik
01:01:41 Rep. Ehli
01:02:57 Rep. Jones
01:04:12 Rep. Ehli
01:04:42 Rep. Woods
01:05:20 Rep. Jones
01:05:49 Rep. Woods
01:06:59 Rep. Ehli
01:07:19 Chair Ballance
01:07:36 Rep. Noonan
01:08:15 Rep. Ehli
01:08:12 Rep. Noonan
01:08:52 Rep. Ehli
01:09:21 Rep. Brodehl
01:09:39 Rep. Ehli
01:09:52 Rep. Ellis
01:10:45 Rep. Ehli
01:10:51 Rep. Ellis
01:11:34 Rep. Ehli
01:12:23 Rep. Ellis
01:13:08 Rep. Ehli
01:14:08 Rep. Ellis
01:14:36 Rep. Ehli
01:16:33 Rep. Ellis
01:17:16 Rep. Ehli
01:17:46 Rep. McCarthy
01:18:32 Susie Mosness, MACo
01:18:58 Rep. Jones
01:19:37 Mike Foster, CHM
01:20:52 Rep. Burnett
01:22:43 Rep. Ehli
01:25:29 Rep. Brodehl
01:27:00 Rep. Ehli
01:28:04 Rep. Jones
01:28:39 Chair Ballance
01:29:51 Rep. Jones
01:30:06 Rep. Ehli
01:30:33 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:17 Rep. Ehli

01:33:45 Chair Ballance

01:33:51 Recess

01:43:08 Reconvened. Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Noonan. Rep. Osmundson were not present.

HEARING ON HB 34**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:43:23 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 34, Appropriate money for additional secure psychiatric detention beds.

01:44:36 Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett returned.

01:46:24 Rep. Noonan returned.

01:47:50 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony:

01:48:02 Paul Meyer, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)

01:51:23 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)

01:51:47 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance For The Mentally Ill Montana (NAMI)

01:53:39 Jean Curtiss, Missoula County (MC), Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)

01:54:40 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

01:55:58 John Wilkinson, self

01:58:21 Patti Jacques, self

01:59:34 Jon Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:56 Rep. Tschida

02:01:30 Rep. Ehli

02:01:50 Rep. Tschida

02:01:59 Rep. Ehli

02:02:33 Rep. Tschida

02:02:50 Rep. Ehli

02:04:01 Rep. Brodehl

02:04:19 Chair Ballance

02:04:36 Rep. Brodehl

02:05:04 Diane Conti, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)

02:05:19 Rep. Brodehl

02:05:24 Diane Conti, WMMHC

02:05:31 Rep. Brodehl

02:06:05 Rep. Ehli

02:06:50	Rep. Brodehl
02:07:06	Rep. Ehli
02:07:41	Rep. Brodehl
02:07:58	Rep. Ehli
02:08:57	Rep. Woods
02:09:18	Rep. Ehli
02:09:48	Rep. Woods
02:09:58	Rep. Ehli
02:11:19	Rep. Woods
02:11:33	Rep. Ehli
02:11:53	Rep. Ellis
02:12:26	Rep. Ehli
02:13:03	Chair Ballance
02:13:32	Rep. Ehli
02:14:20	Paul Meyer, WMMHC
02:16:33	Chair Ballance
02:16:39	Rep. Noonan
02:17:21	Beth Brenneman, DRM
02:17:59	Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

02:18:08	Rep. Ehli
02:20:46	Chair Ballance
02:20:54	Rep. Dudik
02:21:50	Chair Ballance
02:22:48	Rep. Dudik
02:23:02	Chair Ballance
02:23:05	Rep. Tropila
02:23:43	Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

02:24:25 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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