

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Art Wittich, on March 13, 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. Stephanie Hess (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)

**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 576, 2/24/2015; HB 582, 2/24/2015

**HEARING ON HB 576**

00:01:15 Vice Chair Wagoner took the chair

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:21 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 576, Generally revise investigation, licensing, cert. of health care facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(huh52a01\)](#)

00:03:40 Rep. Pease-Lopez joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:57 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

[EXHIBIT\(huh52a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh52a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:10:16 Geralyn Driscoll, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh52a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:39 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:16:03 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:59 Rep. Hess

00:17:17 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:17:48 Rep. Hess

00:17:57 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:18:19 Rep. Hess

00:18:29 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:18:43 Rep. Hess

00:19:02 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:19:20 Rep. Hill

00:20:41 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:21:50 Rep. Karjala

00:22:28 Geralyn Driscoll, DPHHS

00:25:06 Rep. Karjala

00:25:32 Geralyn Driscoll, DPHHS

00:26:04 Rep. Hill

00:26:35 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:27:00 Rep. Hill

00:27:42 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:28:10 Rep. Hill

00:28:44 Geralyn Driscoll, DPHHS

00:29:34 Chairman Wagoner

00:30:12 Geralyn Driscoll, DPHHS

00:31:48 Chairman Wagoner

00:32:29 Geralyn Driscoll, DPHHS

00:32:47 Chairman Wagoner  
 00:33:09 Geralyn Driscoll, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:59 Rep. Wittich

**HEARING ON HB 582****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:52 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 582, Establishing the Catastrophic Health Care Costs Act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:34 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:44:28 Mary Dalton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a05\)](#)**

00:56:27 Kate Whitney, Pubic Service Commission (PSC)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a06\)](#)**

00:59:32 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network  
 01:00:39 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association  
 01:03:26 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center  
 01:04:31 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office  
 01:06:47 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana  
 01:07:50 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:49 Rep. Karjala  
 01:09:34 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association  
 01:09:47 Rep. Karjala  
 01:10:11 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association  
 01:10:30 Rep. Hill  
 01:11:51 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
 01:12:24 Rep. Hill  
 01:13:21 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
 01:14:13 Rep. Hill  
 01:14:34 Kiely Keane, MMA  
 01:14:53 Rep. Hill  
 01:15:00 Kate Whitney, PSC  
 01:15:28 Rep. Hill  
 01:15:41 Rep. Pierson  
 01:16:04 Rep. Wittich  
 01:16:07 Rep. Pierson  
 01:16:31 Rep. Wittich  
 01:17:43 Rep. Pierson

01:17:57 Rep. Wittich  
01:18:32 Rep. Pierson  
01:18:39 Rep. Olszewski joined the meeting  
01:19:10 Rep. Wittich  
01:19:36 Rep. Mandeville  
01:20:17 Rep. Wittich  
01:21:27 Rep. Mandeville  
01:22:08 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:22:34 Rep. Mandeville  
01:23:02 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:23:08 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
01:23:47 Rep. Wittich  
01:24:21 Rep. Pease- Lopez  
01:24:51 Rep. Wittich  
01:25:52 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
01:27:07 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:29:02 Chairman Wagoner  
01:30:16 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:30:42 Chairman Wagoner  
01:30:56 Rep. Wittich  
01:33:08 Rep. Karjala  
01:33:37 Rep. Wittich  
01:34:42 Rep. Hayman joined the meeting  
01:34:44 Rep. Karjala  
01:35:27 Rep. Wittich  
01:36:08 Rep. Karjala  
01:36:17 Rep. Wittich  
01:36:29 Rep. Berglee  
01:37:36 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:37:50 Rep. Berglee  
01:38:11 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:38:24 Rep. Berglee  
01:38:34 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:38:44 Rep. Pierson  
01:39:11 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:39:32 Rep. Hill  
01:40:52 Rep. Wagoner  
01:40:58 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:42:24 Rep. Jacobson  
01:43:15 Rep. Wittich  
01:43:33 Rep. Jacobson  
01:44:15 Rep. Wittich  
01:46:35 Rep. Olszewski  
01:47:20 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
01:48:10 Rep. Wagoner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:48:16 Rep. Wittich

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:51:39

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh52aad.pdf](#))**