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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 317-A

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

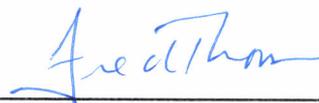
HB 200 - Require drug screening & testing for temp assistance for needy families program -
Rep. Randall Pinocci

HB 348 - Authorize interstate healthcare compact - Rep. Nancy Ballance

HB 382 - Revising terminology relating to mental illness - Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Comments:



SEN. Fred Thomas, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE

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PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 11, 2015

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
CHAIRMAN FRED THOMAS	X	
VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID HOWARD	X	
SENATOR MARY CAFERRO	X	
SENATOR DIANE SANDS		X
SENATOR CARY SMITH	X	
SENATOR NELS SWANDAL	X	
SENATOR JONATHAN WINDY BOY		X

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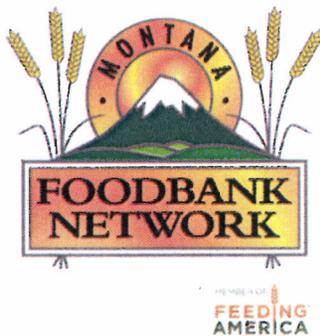
HB 200 - Require drug screening & testing for temp assistance for needy families program

Sponsor: Rep. Randall Pinocci

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Rickey D. Linafelten	Self	X		
ART Dolman	BRT Falls YWCA		X	
SARAH HOWELL	MT Women Vote		X	
Kim Abbott	MIRN		X	
Mike Hankins	St Mathews Brigade		X	
Terry Minow	MEA - MPT		X	
Nikhil Zupanic	ACLU		✓	
Leonard Shapiro	GF 59404	X		
Delia Shumski	"	X		
Judy Tankink	Self	X		
Rudolf Tankink	Self	X		
Ron Hepp	self	X		
Bob Runkel	DPHHS		X	
Kelsie Young	MCADSV		X	
Amanda Harlow	MPCA		X	
Shirley Bush	SELF	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.



Additional Documents

SENATE: Public Health

Date: 3/11/2015

Bill No. HB 200

Testimony from Gayle Gifford, Chief Executive Officer, Montana Food Bank Network
Submitted to the Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety Committee in opposition to HB 200
March 11, 2015

The Montana Food Bank Network is Montana's only statewide food bank, distributing more than 8 million pounds of food annually, through our network of over 200 emergency food providers. In this role, we see firsthand the challenges that low-income Montanans are facing as they struggle to make ends meet and provide for their families.

As we work to meet the immediate need for food, we know that truly ending hunger requires more than food assistance; it requires solutions that improve the economic security of Montana's families. Instead of working to address these root causes of hunger and poverty in our state, HB 200 will further diminish the effectiveness of Montana's TANF program by increasing stigma and adding unnecessary administrative costs.

Drug testing certain TANF applicants, as proposed in HB 200, further stigmatizes an already vulnerable population, while being burdensome and costly for Montana to administer. Other states have tried similar policies, consistently finding that very few applicants test positive and that the costs of administering the drug testing program outweigh any savings realized through denied benefits. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities:

- Over a one year period, Utah screened nearly 5,000 TANF applicants and drug tested 454 individuals. Of these, 17 individuals tested positive, just one-third of one percent of applicants.
- During the first 19 months of Missouri's new program starting in 2013, the state screened nearly 70,000 applicants and identified 1,646 for testing. Sixty-nine applicants tested positive, representing less than one-tenth of 1 percent of applicants.

This legislation needlessly targets Montana's most vulnerable residents, mirrors state policies that have proven ineffective, and costs tax-payer dollars. We urge you to oppose HB200.

Sincerely,
Gayle Gifford, CEO, Montana Food Bank Network

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