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MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: VICE CHAIRMAN TERRY MURPHY, on January 23, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 82, 1/16/2009; SB 119, 1/16/2009

Executive Action: SB 79, SB 82, SB 119, SB 226
# HEARING ON SB 119

## Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:09 SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on **SB 119**, Medicaid buy-in option for individuals with disabilities.

## Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:25 Hank Hudson, Montana Public Health and Human Services (MPHHS)

00:05:11 Rita Charles, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

**EXHIBIT (phs16a01)**

00:07:20 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers (MILC)

**EXHIBIT (phs16a02)**

00:10:38 Doug Amsden, Living Independently For Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT)

**EXHIBIT (phs16a03)**

00:12:29 Jim Brown, Disabled Citizen

**EXHIBIT (phs16a04)**

00:16:37 Theresa Gardner, Disabled Citizen

**EXHIBIT (phs16a05)**

00:17:56 Michael Beers, Disabled Citizen
00:22:36 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. (NCILSI)

**EXHIBIT (phs16a06)**

00:25:45 Mark Sanders, NCILSI
00:27:28 Harold Eyre, LIFTT

**EXHIBIT (phs16a07)**
00:28:55  Amanda Edwards, Big Fork, Summit Independent Living Centers (SILC)

EXHIBIT (phs16a08)

00:32:11  Margaret Keener, Project Director, NCILSI

EXHIBIT (phs16a09)

00:34:04  Mike Mayer, Director, SILC
00:41:28  Jan Cahill, Director, Montana Association of Community Disabled Services (MACDS)
00:41:58  Anita Rassmann, Disability Rights of Montana (DROM)
00:36:58  Darren Larson, Disabled Citizen

EXHIBIT (phs16a10)

00:39:08  Doug Zander, Consumer
00:43:34  Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:13  Sen  Schmidt
00:44:54  Mr.  Beers
00:45:03  Sen.  Schmidt
00:45:13  Sen.  Juneau
00:45:31  Mr.  Hudson, MPHHS
00:46:48  Sen.  Juneau
00:47:01  Mr.  Hudson, MPHHS
00:47:27  Sen.  Larsen
00:47:50  Mr.  Hudson, MPHHS
00:49:39  Sen.  Larsen
00:50:03  Mr.  Hudson
00:50:33  Sen.  Schmidt
00:50:51  Mr.  Hudson, MPHHS
00:51:12  Sen.  Schmidt
00:51:27  Mr.  Hudson, MPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:13  Sen.  Esp
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 119

01:02:58 Motion: SEN. SCHMIDT moved that SB 119 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:03:15 Sen. Juneau

01:03:29 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lewis and Sen. Brown voted by proxy.

01:04:21 Sen. Murphy

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:39 SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 82, Clarify Medicaid third party liability.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:35 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
01:19:22 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers (MIB)
01:20:06 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:01 Sen. Juneau
01:21:46 Mr. Buska, DPHHS
01:22:29 Sen. Schmidt
01:22:41 Mr. Buska, DPHHS
01:23:34 Sen. Juneau
01:23:48 Mr. Buska, DPHHS
01:24:18 Sen. Juneau
01:24:49 Mr. Buska, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:09 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:26:05 Chairman Brown returned and assumed the chair.
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226

01:27:37 **Motion:** SEN. SCHMIDT moved that SB 226 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:27:54 Sen. Hinkle

01:29:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79

01:30:06 **Motion:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that SB 79 DO PASS.

01:30:18 **Motion:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that SB 79 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT**(phs16a11)

**Discussion:**

01:30:55 Lisa Jackson
01:32:01 Chairman Brown
01:32:39 Sen. Juneau
01:33:23 Sen. Brown
01:33:47 Sen. Juneau
01:35:27 Sen. Schmidt
01:35:49 Sen. Juneau
01:36:48 Sen. Murphy
01:38:07 Sen. Hinkle
01:38:37 Sen. Juneau

01:39:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:39:32 **Motion:** Sen. Juneau moved that SB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

01:39:51 Sen. Schmidt
01:40:43 Chairman Brown
01:41:01 Sen. Juneau
01:41:56 Sen. Schmidt
01:42:16 Sen. Murphy
01:43:47 Sen. Schmidt
01:44:28 Sen. Hinkle

01:45:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:46:03 Chairman Brown
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82

Motion/Vote: SEN. JUNEAU moved that SB 82 DO PASS.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:  5:20 P.M.

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JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT(phs16a12)

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(phs16aad.pdf)