



## CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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### 68th Montana Legislature

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Daniel Emrich  
Chris Friedel  
Jen Gross  
Dennis Lenz

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Jennifer Carlson  
SJ Howell  
Ron Marshall  
Michael Yakawich

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Milly Allen - Research Analyst  
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# MINUTES LOG

March 13, 2024  
Room 455  
Helena, Montana

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Dennis Lenz, Chair (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)  
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R) - Via Zoom  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Ron Marshall (R)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst  
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney  
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

**AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))**

**VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))**

**RECONVENED AT A.M.**

08:31:26 Presiding Officer Lenz reconvened the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

**LEGISLATION: LONG TERM CARE**

08:34:41 Milly Allen, Research Analyst

[EXHIBIT 17A](#)

[EXHIBIT 18B](#)

[EXHIBIT 18C](#)

[EXHIBIT 18D](#)

[EXHIBIT 18E](#)

08:35:36 Rep. Yakawich

**Public Comment on Legislative Options**

08:49:06 Jill Sark, Montana Health Care Association

[EXHIBIT 19](#)

09:02:04 Mike Batista, Director, Government Affairs, AARP

[EXHIBIT 18C](#)

09:09:24 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

09:13:16 Jeannie Reeves Hansen, Self and Big Sky 55+

09:18:00 Jan Smith, Montana Alzheimer's & Dementia Coalition

[EXHIBIT 20](#)

**Committee Questions and Discussion**

09:27:14 Presiding Officer Lenz

09:28:23 Rep. Yakawich

09:29:49 Sen. Gross

09:30:02 Presiding Officer Lenz

09:30:29 Sen. Gross directed a question to Milly Allen.

09:32:04 Rep. Carlson

09:33:11 Presiding Officer Lenz

09:35:06 Jill Sark

09:36:00 Rep. Carlson

09:36:49 Presiding Officer Lenz

09:37:25 Sen. Emrich  
09:40:58 Vice Presiding Officer Howell  
09:46:17 Presiding Officer Lenz  
09:48:23 Sen. Emrich  
09:50:03 Sen. Gross  
09:50:16 Stacy Anderson  
09:51:33 Vice Presiding Officer Howell  
09:52:19 Rep. Yakawich  
09:53:24 Rep. Carlson  
09:54:07 Jill Sark directed a question to Jill Sark.  
09:54:57 Rep. Carlson requested information from Jill Sark.  
09:55:23 Presiding Officer Lenz  
09:55:43 Milly Allen

**Motion**

09:58:01 Rep. Carlson moved to direct staff to provide three provisional drafts on three topics in [EXHIBIT 18A](#).

**Vote**

09:58:35 The motion carried without objection.

**LEGISLATION: FAMILY PEER SUPPORT LICENSURE**

09:59:22 Milly Allen  
[EXHIBIT 21](#)  
10:06:33 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:06:54 Vice Presiding Officer Howell  
10:07:46 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:08:35 Sen. Gross  
10:10:47 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:11:11 Sen. Friedel

10:11:33 Sen. Gross  
10:12:57 Milly Allen  
10:14:02 Sen. Friedel  
10:14:38 Sen. Emrich  
10:17:01 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:17:12 Milly Allen  
10:17:33 Beth Ayers, Montana Peer's Network  
10:19:10 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:19:34 Beth Ayers  
10:26:56 Vice Presiding Officer Howell  
10:28:08 Milly Allen  
10:28:34 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:29:10 Milly Allen  
10:30:10 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:30:25 Milly Allen  
10:31:06 Sen. Gross  
10:31:18 Milly Allen  
10:32:12 Sen. Gross  
10:32:45 Presiding Officer Lenz

**Public Comment on Legislative Options**

10:33:09 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry  
10:34:43 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association and Rocky Boy Health Center  
10:36:25 Jobyna McCarthy, Montana Family to Family

**Committee Questions and Discussion**

10:39:28 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:40:06 Sen. Gross

10:40:23 Milly Allen  
10:41:10 Presiding Officer Lenz  
10:41:27 Rep. Carlson  
10:42:04 Quinlan O'Connor

**Motion**

10:43:26 Vice Presiding Officer Howell moved to instruct staff to continue to work on the provisional draft, to work with DLI on the technical concerns to incorporate the public comments on this topic, and to include a draft option for a path for Medicaid payment eligibility.

**Discussion on the Motion**

10:44:44 Sen. Emrich  
10:45:21 Vice Presiding Officer Howell  
10:45:49 Milly Allen  
10:46:32 Presiding Officer Lenz

**Vote**

10:46:44 The motion carried unanimously without objection.

**LEGISLATION: SAFE HAVEN**

10:47:03 Milly Allen

**Public Comment on Legislative Options**

10:48:18 Jean Branscum  
[EXHIBIT 22](#)  
10:55:45 Quinlan O'Connor

**Committee Questions and Discussion**

10:56:47 Rep. Yakawich  
10:57:30 Jean Branscum  
11:00:19 Presiding Officer Lenz  
11:00:54 Jean Branscum  
11:02:49 Rep. Carlson  
11:04:16 Jean Branscum  
11:07:44 Presiding Officer Lenz

11:08:49 Rep. Carlson  
11:10:28 Quinlan O'Connor  
11:12:06 Sen. Emrich  
11:12:49 Quinlan O'Connor  
11:16:24 Sen. Gross  
11:17:48 Milly Allen  
11:19:10 Presiding Officer Lenz  
11:20:37 Vice Presiding Officer Howell  
11:24:00 Presiding Officer Lenz  
11:26:00 Rep. Carlson  
11:27:46 Presiding Officer Lenz  
11:28:12 Quinlan O'Connor  
11:30:00 Jean Branscum  
11:33:31 Presiding Officer Lenz

**Motion**

11:34:38 Sen. Gross moved to direct staff to write a provisional draft.

**Discussion on the Motion**

11:34:44 Rep. Carlson  
11:37:22 Sen. Gross  
11:37:58 Sen. Emrich  
11:39:43 Presiding Officer Lenz  
11:40:50 Sen. Gross

**Vote**

11:43:04 The motion failed 4 - 4 by voice vote, with Sen. Emrich, Sen. Friedel, Rep. Marshall, and Sen. Lenz voting, no.

**Committee Questions and Discussion**

11:43:44 Presiding Officer Lenz  
11:44:19 Rep. Carlson

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE NOT ON THE AGENDA (The Second of Two Open Public Comment Periods; The First Was on March 12.)**

11:45:20 Stacy Anderson

**RECESS**

11:48:50 Reconvened at 12:05:51

**COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

**HB 872 Commission Updates**

12:06:23 Rep. Yakawich  
[EXHIBIT 23](#)

**HB 29 Committee Update**

12:08:48 Rep. Carlson

12:17:02 Jill Stark

12:17:46 Rep. Carlson

**Forthcoming Agenda Items**

12:22:04 Milly Allen

12:24:27 Rep. Carlson

**CPS Work Group and Dependency and Neglect Court System Task Force Update**

12:24:39 Presiding Officer Lenz

12:27:51 Presiding Officer Lenz discussed a response from DPHHS' Legal Counsel, Paula Stannard.

**Forthcoming Agenda Items Continued**

12:29:33 Rep. Yakawich directed a question to Presiding Officer Lenz.

12:32:24 Rep. Carlson

12:32:43 Milly Allen

12:33:53 Rep. Yakawich

12:33:58 Presiding Officer Lenz

12:36:12 Rep. Yakawich

**ADJOURNMENT**

12:37:32 Presiding Officer Lenz adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.