

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

MARCH 16, 1981

The meeting of the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Tom Hager on Monday, March 16, 1981 at 12:30 in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exceptions of Senator Himsl who was excused, however he arrived late, and Senator Halligan who arrived late. Kathleen Harrington, staff researcher, was also present.

Many, many visitors were in attendance. (See attachments.)

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 554: Representative Toni Bergene of district 36, chief sponsor of House Bill 554, gave a brief resume. This bill in an act to provide for the certification of social workers; creating a state Board of Social Work examiners and prescribing its powers and duties; establishing grounds and procedures for disciplinary proceedings; creating a communications privilege; and providing penalties for violations. This bill provides for the certification of social workers. A state Board of Social Work Examiners is established in Section 1. The purpose of the legislation is the voluntary certification of social workers so they may be recognized as such and receive suitable payment for their services.

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Section 13 provides for the penalties for violation of the act.

Representative Bergene handed out written testimony from Curtis Hansen, who could not attend the hearing. (See attachment)

Bill Evans, representing all social workers, read from written testimony which had been handed out to the Committee. (See attachments.)

Charles Horejsi, Ph D. from the University of Montana of the Department of Social Work, stated the the proposed bill sets up a certification procedure for social workers to give evidence of their capacity to use professional knowledge and skill. He handed out written testimony to the Committee, which he read from at the hearing. (See attachments.)

Andree Deligdisch, a clinical social worker from Great Falls, stated the she would speak to the issue of collection of payments for services from theird parties s.a. insurance and Champus.

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At the present time there are about 40 clinical social workers employed by the Mental Health Centers in Montana, 5 in private practice and about 5 in other agencies who do provide clinical services. In many cases the clients who request and receive these services carry medical insurance, for which, they pay a premium. However, when it comes to collection of payment from the insurance for the services rendered, the insurance company refuses to pay on the basis that in Montana there is no form of professional certification for professional social workers. The insurance carriers require that certain standards be met to qualify for insurance payments, and that is both understandable and desirable. If a state does not provide the mechanism to set standards, which the insurance companies can review, the insurance company refuses payment. The client ends up paying the premium and then also having to pay for the counseling services on a private basis. Mrs. Deligdisch handed out written testimony to the Committee for their records. (See attachments.)

Zella Jacobson, representing the Mental Health Association of Montana, stated that the Mental Health Association is comprised of Montana citizens who among other activities, advocate and promote high quality professional services throughout the mental health care delivery system. They feel this proposed legislation is a very positive action taken by Social Workers and the Association endorses their commitment to quality care. This proposed bill does not exclude those who do not have a master's degree -- exclusion is not the intent -- it identifies those who have chosen to obtain a Master's degree to become certified. The bill also provides a mechanism for third party payments which will financially assist Mental Health Centers, hospitals, clinics, family court services, and others. Reimbursement for services requires a credentialing mechanism and this bill addresses that issue. No vehicle currently exists by which Social Workers can be reimbursed by third party payers -- the burden of cost is passed on to the client/patient. House bill 554, is well written and implementable. It recognizes professional achievement, qualifies titles and provides a vehicle for third party reimbursement. She urged the support of the Committee for this bill.

Harold Gerke, representing the Council of Montana Com. Mental Health Control Board, stated that he concurs with everyone who spoke ahead of him. He urged the Committee's support for the bill.

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With no further opponents, Chairman Hager called on the opponents. Hearing none, the meeting was opened to a question and answer period from the Committee.

Senator Halligan asked if other states certify their social workers. Mr. Bill Evans reported that about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the states are now doing this.

Senator Olson asked if any insurance company would pay at the present time under the present set up. No one could answer this question.

Senator Himsel stated that it appears to him to be a certification bill rather than a licensing bill.

Senator Himsel asked why the board is necessary and perhaps could it not be put under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.

Senator Johnson asked if some insurance companies would pay after a "sign off" by a psychiatrist. Some companies will and some will not.

Senator Johnson asked what difference the bill is going to make in regards to a wage scale for social workers. Everyone present felt that there would be no difference.

Senator Johnson asked if the Mental Health Centers were the only ones using certified social workers. Practitioners and family court services also use certified social workers.

Senator Berg asked if one could obtain a masters degree in social work in Montana at the present time. No, this is not possible at the present time, but hopefully it will be in the near future.

Representative Bergene closed. She thanked the Committee for their time and hoped that they would support the bill.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 646: Representative Ann Mary Dussault, sponsor of House Bill 646, gave a brief resume. This bill is an act to revise and clarify the state laws relating to child day-care facilities; to clarify the rule-making authority to the DHES, to require registration of family day-care homes; to provide a penalty for failure to comply.

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This bill revises the laws relating to child day-care facilities.

In Section 2, the definition of day-care facility is enlarged to include, family day-care home, a day-care center and a group day-care home. The distinction between the day-care center, group day-care home and family day-care home involves the number of children cared for.

Section 3 provides that a day-care center or group day-care home require licensure while a family day-care home requires registration.

Section 4 the powers and the duties of the department are outlined. The department is given the power to publish minimum standards.

Section 5 the standards are outlined. These standards, involve the qualification of the applicant, the number of staff required, the health and safety standards and ages and number of children to be cared for.

Section 6 involves fire safety certification of licensed homes or centers.

Section 7 involves health inspection and/or training of licensed centers or homes for certification. The health department may charge the applicant a fee for the inspection or training.

Section 8, outlines the procedure for obtaining a license or registration certification.

Section 9, provides that the department develop requirements be met for licensure:

- (a) good moral character of staff
- (b) sufficient number of staff
- (c) safeguards for health, safety, development and well being of the children.
- (d) qualifications of staff
- (e) records to be kept
- (f) limit on number and ages of children to be cared for
- (g) precaution against communicable disease
- (h) liability insurance

Section 10 allows a six month provisional license or registration certificate but still requires fire and health requirements be met and liability insurance be carried.

Section 11 provides for the renewal of the license or registration.

Section 12 requires that the department make periodic visits to all licensed facilities to insure minimum standards. The department may investigate and inspect the conditions of licensed and registered facilities. The department must annually visit 15% of the registered facilities.

The department may request a health or fire safety inspection.

Section 13 provides that licenses or registrants maintain records, furnish reports and permit inspections.

Section 14 outlines the reasons for denial, cancellation, reduction, revocation, and non-renewal of licenses or registration certificates.

Section 15 provides for payments by the department and appropriated by the Legislature for children eligible for day-care services.

Section 16 provided a procedure for investigating persons violating the act and outlines the action to be taken against such violators.

Section 17 provides for expanded day-care assistance to needy children to subsidize day-care payments.

Section 18 provides a \$500 fine for violation of the act.

Senator Hager asked how many people would be testifying on this bill and informed those present that each side would be allowed 25 in the best interest of everyone.

Norma Vestre, administrator of the Community Services Division of the SRS, this bill is the result of work and study completed the past year by a State Day Care Task Force comprised of parents, day care providers, personnel from the Department, Department of HES, the State Fire Marshals Office, the Office of Public Instruction and others. The purpose of the bill is to clarify the State laws relating to child day care facilities and to require registration of Family Day Care Homes instead of licensing.

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The bill specifically defines all levels of care. A day care center provides care to thirteen or more children. A group day care home provides care for 7 to 12 children. A family day care home provides care to 6 or fewer children. The term "day care facility" has been defined to include all of the aforementioned levels of care. Only group day care is new for Montana. The existing law defines any facility that cares for 7 or more children as a center. Registration is far less regulatory than the process of licensing. A social worker will not inspect a home to determine compliance prior to the applicant being registered to provide day care. The responsibility for Family Day Care Home monitoring and evaluation will be placed primarily on the parent and the consumer who use day care facilities. The procedure for registration is less "intimidating" and has increased, the number available homes in other states that already use the process of registration. Parents will have a broader range of choices in securing a registered family day care home.

The social worker's responsibility will change from enforcer or watch dog to an advocate for educational services for parents, providers and the community. In order to avoid revising the Day Care Law during every Legislature, the bill stated that the department shall pay a daily rate established by the department instead of specifying the exact dollar amount. The bill also clarifies the responsibility between the Department and the DHES. Rule making authority for the health hazards of inadequate food preparation, poor nutrition and communicable diseases are included as responsibilities of the Health Department. The Health Department requested and the Department included, language giving the Health Department the authority to charge a fee for any training or inspections for the licensing process. SRS urged support from the Committee for the bill.

Janice Watson representing day care centers in Missoula, stated that the bill was designed to allow a greater variety of child care services for the working parents of our State, and at the same time ask for minimal standards to protect the children that must be cared for away from home.

Requesting that a person or persons who are selling services to the public be registered or licensed is not new, and does not infringe upon the rights of a citizen to choose where they shop. For example, a citizen's right to choose a bakery, restaurant, bar, hospital, rest home, beauty shop, barber shop, and others is not being infringed upon because state law requires that these services be licensed. Are not ones children as important?

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If someone decides to care for a friend's or relative's children, that is not our concern. That is between the two parties. When a person chooses to care for children as a business, then there must be some guidelines to protect the children and assure that they will not be exploited in order for that person to make a profit. She then urged the support of the Committee.

Josephine Calhoun of Helena that she strongly feels that some regulations are needed in Day Care to ensure the safety and proper development of young children. Registration would offer a mechanism to compile a list of all people in an area who would meet regulations. Mrs. Calhoun also stated that she feels that registration would benefit both parents and children and that is what this whole thing is about.

Millie Wehrman, representing the Montana Day Care Association, states that she sees this bill as a deregulation and a freedom of choice for parents. This would identify people who do day care.

Karen Angel of Billings stated that the present system of licensing is a mandatory system. Registration in effect would deregulation and voluntary. If this state does not include homes the Federal CCFP would be in jeopardy and it has been of benefit to many of out state's children and operators. It also is a voluntary program available to those who wish to upgrade the quality of their services.

Alice Goodhart, representing the Great Falls Day Care Assn., stated that the State of Montana needs licensing or registration. Day care homes cannot participate in the federal child care food program without licensing or registration. The child care food program reimburses day care homes for serving food according to regulation. This reimbursement helps to keep day care costs down so working parents can afford to have good day care for their children.

Dr. John Anderson, representing the Department of Health, stated that it is very crucial for something to be done about day care centers. He urged support of the bill.

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Jean Curtis of Missoula stated that she has done day care in her home for 6 years and has been licensed all during this time. People have the wrong idea as to what being licensed or registered means. It is not an intrusion of your privacy. It is just a way of having you state that you care about children enough to identify yourself. It in no way affects relatives watching relatives children. It is the only safeguard we have for these children. Any person who watches children for a business should expect to need a license, as any other business does. This bill will still allow day care homes to participate in the Child Care Food Program, low cost liability insurance, tax breaks for business in home expenses, training programs sponsored by the Day Care Association throughout the state. This bill puts the responsibility of choosing "QUALITY" care on the parent. The standards are minimal and not hard to meet. Registration is voluntary and the penalty clause does not effect persons caring for 6 or fewer children.

With no further proponents, Chairman Hager called on the opponents.

Senator Dover of Senate District 24 offered some amendments to help improve the bill. He stated that his amendments would make it effect only those that are taking care of children whose parents receive money from SRS.

Cynthia Baumann of Lewistown stated that she resents the implication that she is incapable of choosing a babysitter for her sons without the help of welfare. This should only pertain to welfare recipients. Lost cost liability insurance and federal food cost subsidies are already available to those who choose to accept them.

Carol Brown also of Lewistown hand out written testimony for the Committee from which she read. (See attachments.) She also turned in four pages of names of people opposed to the bill. (See attachments.)

Ben Evans of Helena stood in opposition to the bill and stated that he does not like to see the federal government involved in this aspect of the family life.

Larry Goll, an evangelist from Helena, stated that this bill is against the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This bill is also unchristian. Mr. Goll then urged the Committee to please kill this bill.

Phyllis Evans of Lewistown stated that she herself operates a day care center and at the present time she is not licensed or registered nor does she intend to be. SRS does not have the right or the ability to regulate the present day care homes.

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The department is taking away parent right and duty to choose a suitable place for their children.

Joan Christopherson of Missoula stated that there is no question that the state has a responsibility for overseeing day care services to children in the best interest of public health. Self regulation as implied in this bill is not univerally adequate, past experience bears this out in endless horror stories. Mrs. Christopherson has worked in day care centers one way or the other for over 40 years. The overall effect of the bill is a weakening of the state's effort to improve care for children in day care, she could not whole heartedly support the bill. She would just as soon live with what is on the books at the present time. This is an anti-regulation bill.

Florence Hagen of Buffalo, stated that it is unnecessary for government intervention in family decision making. Mrs. Hagen stated that she is very much in favor of Senator Dover's amendments.

With no further time allowed for the opponents Senator Hager allowed the following people to stand in opposition to the bill.

Rosemary Rodgers, Helena
Joe Golden, Helena
Beverly Gluckert, Helena
Olive Rice, Helena
Jeannette Golden, Helena
John Foster
DarrelSauer, Lewistown

Representative Dussault closed by saying that this bill does not stop good babysitters and it never will. She stood in opposition to the amendments presented by Senator Dover. Our government is set up to protect the rights of the unprotected. With that she asked the Committee for a favorable recommendation.

The meeting was then opened to a question and answer period from the Committee.

Senator Johnson asked Mrs. Vestre is the SRS is enforcing this at the present time. Mrs. Vestre stated that he office hopes to visit all of the day care centers eventually. At the present time, they are visiting at least 15% each year.

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Senator Johnson asked Dr. Anderson of the Department of Health what his department planned to do if this bill had not been introduced or this bill is not passed. He stated that the department would then revise the present law.

Senator Himsl asked how many children at the present time are attending day care centers. No one could answer his question, however.

Senator Himsl asked Miss Dussault why she objected to Senator Dover's amendments. She stated that she felt that everyone should be under the same regulations.

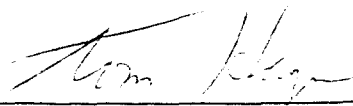
Senator Hager asked if babysitting co-ops would be covered under this bill. No they would not be covered under this bill.

With no further questions from the Committee the hearing was closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1981 at 12:30 in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN, TOM HAGER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1981

Date Mar. 18

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Tom Hager	✓		
Matt Himsl	<i>Late</i>		✓
S. A. Olson	✓		
Jan Johnson	✓		
Dr. Bill Norman	✓		
Harry K. Berg	✓		
Michael Halligan	<i>Late</i>		

Each day attach to minutes.

DATE _____

COMMITTEE ON _____

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
John [unclear]	Helena [unclear]	HB 644	✓	
John [unclear]	Gr. Bay [unclear]	HB 644	✓	
Karen [unclear]	Billings [unclear]	HB 644	✓	
Michael [unclear]	State [unclear]	HB 644	✓	
Art C. [unclear]	Helena	HB 644	✓	
Tom [unclear]	Billings	HB 644	✓	
Harold [unclear]	"	HB 644	✓	
Harold [unclear]	Helena	HB 644	✓	
John [unclear]	Great Falls	HB 644	✓	
Andree [unclear]	Gr. Falls	HB 644	✓	
Zella Jacobson	Mental Health Assn	HB 644	✓	
Bill Evans	Helena	HB 644	✓	
J. S. [unclear]	University System	HB 644		
Conrad B. [unclear]	SRS	HB 644		
Craig Druckenmiller	Bozeman 4Cs	HB 646	✓	
Barbara Babb	Bozeman	HB 646	✓	
Jan Druckenmiller	Bozeman	HB 646	✓	
Rosemary Miller	Helena	HB 646	✓	
Josephine [unclear]	Helena	HB 646	✓	
Juan [unclear]	MT Home EC Assoc	HB 646		
James [unclear]	DAES	HB 646	✓	
Jean Curtis	Missoula	HB 646	✓	
Genie Watson	Missoula	HB 646	✓	
Loraine Patterson	Missoula	HB 646	✓	
John [unclear]	Mnt. Health Health	HB 646	✓	
Arthur [unclear]	League of Women Voters	✓	✓	

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

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NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Daniel Egan		646		
Cynthia S. Baumann		646		✓
Angela J. Evans		646		✓
Carol A. Brown		646		✓
Theresa S. Egan		646		✓
Gene S. Egan		646		✓
Gene S. Egan	self	646		✓
Paula Egan	self	646		✓

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HOUSE BILL 554

Introduced by Representative Bergene.

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BEFORE THE SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF - - - House Bill 554

Mr. Chairman and members of this committee. For the record my name is Curtis B. Hansen. I am the Executive Vice President of the Montana Retail Association. I appear here today as a private citizen and resident of Montana, supporting House Bill 554.

I have a personal story to tell today. I hope that you will take the time to consider this story. It is too late for your actions on House Bill 554 to help me or my family, but your actions could help some other family so that they wouldn't have to go through what we did.

My wife and I have a 15 year old daughter and a little over a year ago, she developed severe emotional problems. We spared nothing in efforts to seek the help and professional counseling that she needed. All efforts were unsuccessful and our daughter was committed to the Warm Springs State Hospital. After being so confined for about six months, It was discovered that she had a severe curvature of the spine. It was determined that it was absolutely necessary that she have a spinal fusion immediately even though it would be a set-back and detrimental to her treatment at the State Hospital.

She was transported to Billings for surgery. During surgery she became temporarily paralyzed from the waist down and after that was corrected she suffered cardiac arrest.

She was placed in a full body cast and went through an extensive convalescence period.

The Warm Springs State Hospital determined that they would not be able to take her back into their care due to the fact that she could be easily injured and their liability exposure would be too great.

We consulted with three private physicians in Helena, two private physicians in Billings, A private psychiatrist in Billings and the professional staff at the Warm Springs State Hospital. They unanimously recommended that we have our daughter seen and treated by C. Joe Harrington of the Helena Comprehensive Guidance Clinic to assure her the best possible chance of not having to return to the State Hospital at Warm Springs after she was out of her full body cast and able to return if necessary.

Due to the extreme expenses we had encountered with our daughter, She did become Medicaid eligible. We had a Blue Cross policy. However, they denied coverage for the spinal fusion and all related expenses as "pre-existing" condition.

We considered having our daughter see the Mental Health Center here in Helena, but these same medical and mental health professionals advised against that and restated their opinions that she should see Mr. Harrington.

Joe Harrington has a professional degree in Social Work, an MSW, is qualified as a professional person in the field of mental health, is certified by the Montana Department of Institutions and the Social and Rehabilitative Services Department, is certified as a Clinical Member of the American Association of

Marriage and Family Therapy, and holds a current Certified Social Worker license from the State of Utah. Prior to going into private practice, Mr. Harrington was the director of the Helena Mental Health Center and is still consulted by them with regard to their needs, programs, treatment facilities, employee training and qualifications.

While Joe Harrington was at the Mental Health Center his services were covered by Medicaid.

The State of Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services refused to grant Mr. Harrington a providers number and/or provider status under Medicaid "because Montana had no statutory provision for the certification of MSW's and thus he was not so certified."

After our waiting period for preexisting conditions was over, under our Blue Cross Policy, They too, refused to consider reimbursement for those services provided by Mr. Harrington, "because Montana had no statutory provision for the certification of MSW's and thus he was not so certified."

The only available man that could possibly help our daughter to recover (according to the experts) would be the only man whose services would not be covered under either Medicaid or Insurance, just because there was no statutory provision for his certification.

IN CONCLUSION - SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS:

Our Daughter has responded to the treatment and counseling of Mr. Harrington. She is back in school and doing very well both scholastically and socially. Her physical condition has improved. She will be out of her body cast within a month and

will be "as good as new". We are more than just thankful for all of this and for the expertise of Mr. Harrington.

The bad news - is - comparatively minor. We have used up all of the equity we had from the sale of our home. We have used up all of our savings. We have currently debts in excess of \$30,000.00 - all because - "Montana has no statutory provision for the certification of MSW's and thus Joe Harrington was not so certified."

Mr. Chairman and members of this committee, I have heard remarks from well meaning individuals, that House Bill 554 creates another "unnecessary bureaucratic board and creates unnecessary expense". I don't know about that. Possibly there is a better way of doing what needs to be done, but I have not found anyone that can tell me what that better way is. I do know that we need the exact thing that this bill will accomplish.

I pray that you will look and act favorably on this bill and move it on to the Senate Floor with your unanimous "DO PASS" recommendation and support.

Thank You,

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PHONE: 443-7251

REPRESENTING WHOM? Ernest W. Barker

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 7B 554

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: it's a test

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

March 16, 1981

Respectively submitted to the Senate Public Health Committee

by William Evans

RE: HOUSE BILL 554 - CERTIFICATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

In May of 1980 I was asked by the Montana Chapter of NASW (National Association of Social Workers) to look into the prospects of proposing a bill certifying or licensing Social Workers in Montana. I conducted a total of twenty three interviews from May on. I interviewed three directors of hospital social service departments in Billings and Helena, one private practitioner in Billings, three therapists in Great Falls Community Mental Health, three persons in private agencies in Helena and Butte, three Social Worker in SRS (Social Rehabilitative Services), two Social Workers heading small one or two man mental health centers, two directors of County Welfare Departments, Helena and Butte, one Social Worker in the Department of Institutions, a Legislator from Missoula and a Social Work professor from the University of Montana.

There was enthusiasm regarding the concept of a Certification proposal, particularly on the part of graduate trained Social Workers, regardless of their employment setting. One reason predominated over others; that potentially, once there is Certification or Licensure, major insurance compaines will begin to consider third party payments for Social Work services. (CHAMPUS and Blue Cross have made it known that they would not even consider reimbursement until some sort of state qualifications are established.)

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re: House Bill 554

Other comments that emerged from my interviews included the following two themes; That whatever the final proposal is, that it (1) needs to be more exact as to who can be Certified than the proposal four years ago, which was criticized for being too broad, and (2) that the Certification be voluntary. Regardless of position held, it was everyone's feeling that those who are most interested and can benefit by Certification have an opportunity to be Certified in the State of Montana. Those Social Workers who are not interested should not be mandated into any form of credentialing.

From a mental health perspective, Montana has few Psychiatrists, particularly in the smaller communities. The responsibility for delivering the multitude of consultative, and psychotherapeutic services to Montana communities and institutions, falls primarily on the shoulders of people who have degrees in Social Work and Psychology. The greater potential that these people have for recognition and reimbursement for their services, the greater the likelihood that they will be able to stay in a community and maintain a practice, be it under the auspices of a mental health center program, or as a private practitioner.

This concludes my remarks, thank you for the opportunity of speaking before you.

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REPRESENTING WHOM? Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 554

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

Comments on
House Bill 554

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One of the most influential figures in American social work was Charlotte Towle who was born and raised in Butte, Montana. When she died in 1966 she was a professor at the University of Chicago. In one of her many books she wrote:

In a profession there is a recognized body of knowledge and skill to be attained for competent practice. Its practitioners must give evidence of capacity to use that knowledge and skill.
(C. Towle, The Learner in Education for the Profession, University of Chicago Press, 1954.)

The proposed bill sets up a certification procedure for social workers to give evidence of their capacity to use professional knowledge and skill.

This certification procedure should not be confused with a licensing procedure that defines certain professional tasks and activities and says, in effect, that only license-holders can perform these tasks.

The certification process simply reserves a certain title for those persons who meet established standards of education, experience, pass an exam and meet certain other requirements. It does not exclude non-certified social workers from the practice of social work.

(Section 6.) Those eligible for certification under this bill must have a graduate degree from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The Council on Social Work Education and the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the only accrediting agencies for social work education in the United States.

A typical accredited program requires two years of full time study, including supervised practice experience. Curriculum includes content on human behavior, social policy, social services, research and practice techniques.

You may be interested to learn that the first school of social work was established in 1898. One of Montana's famous individuals, Jeannette Rankin (1880-1973), was one of the first graduates of that first school of social work (then known as the New York School of Philanthropy, now known as the Columbia University School of Social Work).

(Section 7.) Under this bill certain individuals--namely those who are members of the Academy of Certified Social Workers--are exempt from the written exam, if they have already passed the ACSW exam. A word of explanation is in order.

The ACSW was established in 1961. The requirements for membership are similar to those of this bill. ACSW members must pass a national written exam. However, ACSW members must maintain a paid membership in the National Association of Social Workers. The proposed bill does not require a membership in a specific professional organization.

Over one half of the states now have some form of social work certification or licensure. That includes such nearby states as Idaho, South Dakota, Colorado and Utah. Persons holding a social work license or certificate from another state will be exempt from the Montana exam if the Board of Examiners determines that standards are similar.

I respectfully ask that you pass HB 554. Thank you.

NAME: Andree Delapolsch DATE: 3/16/81

ADDRESS: 3016 Central, Sweet Falls - N.J.

PHONE: 452 5554 OR 761-2100 (office)

REPRESENTING WHOM? Social Workers -

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 554

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

Testimony Housebill 554 (Certification of Master of Social Work)
February 16, 1981, 12:30 PM

Ladies and gentlemen,

my name is Andree Deligdisch; I am a clinical social worker from Great Falls, Montana where I am employed by the Community Mental Health Center.

I will speak to the issue of collection of payments for services from third parties- s.a. insurances and CHAMPUS (the insurance carrier for dependents of the military).

At the present time there are about 40 clinical social workers employed by the Mental Health Centers in Montana, 5 in private practice and about 5 in other agencies (s.a. Family Court services or Lutheran Social Services) who do provide clinical services (counselling).

In many cases the clients who request and receive these services carry medical insurance, for which, of course, they pay a premium. However, when it comes to collection of payment from the insurance for the services rendered, the insurance company refuses to pay, on the basis that in Montana there is no form of professional certification for professional social workers.

Naturally, the insurance carriers require that certain standards be met to qualify for insurance payments, and that is both understandable and desirable. If a state does not provide the mechanism to set standards, which the insurance companies can review, the insurance company refuses payment.

The client ends up paying the premium and then also having to pay for the counselling services on a private basis.

CHAMPUS(the medical insurance which covers the dependents of the military) is somewhat different in that it will pay for certain services provided the clinical social worker reviews the case monthly with a psychiatrist and the psychiatrist co-signs the monthly reports.

To provide you with some financial data: this past week I saw 26 clients, of which 6 were covered by insurances and 2 by CHAMPUS. Under the present situation, my center will collect from the two people covered by CHAMPUS, but the six others will have to pay their own bill. Also, in January one couple discontinued marital counselling as a direct result of their insurance's refusal to pay. They did not feel they could pay their individual fee, and so discontinued to come.

I had our center do a "run" on our computer for the calendar year 1980, for services provided by our 10 Masters Social Workers, for clients who carried insurances.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$ 7110.00	none will be paid
Other Insurances	\$ 10202.00	about 30% paid 70% not paid
CHAMPUS	\$ 28433.00	about 50% paid about 50% not paid
Total	\$ 45745.00	

If we take the amounts not paid (rounded off):

Blues	\$ 7100.00	(100%)
Other insurances	\$ 7140.00	(70%)
CHAMPUS	\$ 14200.00	(50%)
Total	\$ 28440.00	

we come up with a total of \$28,440.00 of which our center would probably have collected a good portion, if Montana had had a procedure to certify social workers.

As undoubtedly all of you know, the Mental Health Centers do have to produce increasingly larger amounts of their budgets from collections; also, the more we can collect from insurances the less we will have to depend on state monies.

Certification of social workers is a necessary first step in this process toward better collection. It is imperative that Montana adopt a form of professional certification for social workers, s.a. the one proposed in House Bill 554.

NAME: Jill Jackson DATE: 3-16-81

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PHONE: 761-7643

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mental Health Assn.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 554

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: See attached testimony

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TESTIMONY

HB 554

My name is Zella Jacobson. I am a registered nurse representing the Mental Health Association of Montana. We would urge your support of House Bill 554 to certify Masters prepared Social Workers.

The Mental Health Association is comprised of Montana citizens who among other activities, advocate and promote high quality professional services throughout the mental health care delivery system. We feel this proposed legislation is a very positive action taken by Social Workers and we endorse their commitment to quality care. This proposed bill does not exclude those who do not have a Master's degree - exclusion is not the intent - it identifies those who have chosen to obtain a Master's degree and become certified. This is not a licensing bill, but rather, certification that responds to a public need to identify standards of practice such as education and experience. There is confusion among the public relative to the term "social worker". This bill provides representation to the public of a certified Masters of Social Work and the accompanying qualifications - qualifications beyond the minimum level of entry into practice. Professional accountability is the thrust and intent of this bill and we support that accountability. Social services are a vital component in delivery of health care in Montana - this bill makes that component accountable and identifiable.

Moreover, this bill provides a mechanism for third party payments which will financially assist Mental Health Centers, hospitals, clinics, family court services and others. Reimbursement for services requires a credentialing mechanism and this bill addresses that issue. No vehicle currently exists by which Social Workers can be reimbursed by third party payers - the burden of cost is passed on to the client/patient.

House Bill 554 is well-written and implementable. It recognizes professional achievement, qualifies titles and provides a vehicle for third party reimbursement. We urge your support of this bill.

Thank you.

3/16/81

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE : _____

REPRESENTING WHOM? _____

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 420-

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: David Briggs

DATE: 3/12/81

ADDRESS: Helena

PHONE: 442-0310

REPRESENTING WHOM? John F. Heath

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: *BE 554*

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

233 15th Avenue South
Great Falls MT 59405
March 13, 1981

The Honorable Harry Berg
Senate Chambers
Public Health Committee
Helena MT 59601

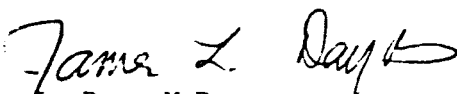
Dear Senator Berg:

This letter is in support of HB 554, certification for master's level social workers.

I feel it is important to establish such a certification as it would help to identify individuals qualified at the master's level in social work and would formalize professional ethics and credentialing. It will also provide for insurance carriers a certain standard of professional training which should encourage them to reimburse for clinical social work services.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,


James L. Day, M.D.
Psychiatrist

JLD:rap

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D. E. ANDERSON, M.D.

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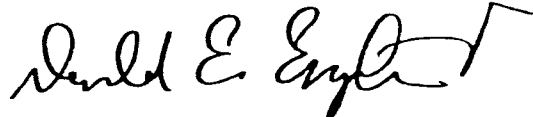
February 11, 1981

To Whom It May Concern:

As a psychiatrist in private practice and as President-Elect of the Montana Psychiatric Association, I have considerable contact with social workers. As a result of six years of working with social workers in the state of Montana, I have reached the firm opinion that state certification is essential and that it should require an MSW, or higher, degree as the main prerequisite to certification.

In my opinion, House Bill #554 provides the requirements essential to assuring that social workers practicing in the state of Montana fulfill the educational, experience and ethical standards necessary for adequate practice of the social work profession. I urge passage of this bill.

Respectfully,



Donald E. Engstrom, M.D.

DEE:rl

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY & PSYCHOLOGY



National Association of Social Workers



March 9, 1981

Mr Tom Hager, Chairman
Senate Public Health Committee
Capital Station
Helena, Mt 59601

Dear Mr Hager,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Montana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Our membership strongly endorses House Bill 554 regarding the certification of social workers. This bill will provide an avenue through which social workers will be reimbursed for services they render.

Montana is growing and changing. Some areas are experiencing tremendous population growth. Other areas are loosing population. Both situations are stressful to Montanans. Because of this social service needs are increasing while federal and state monies are decreasing. A law allowing social workers reimbursement through insurance will open a channel of revenue which will allow continuation of needed services within the state.

I hope you and your committee will vote positively for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Sharon Hanton', is written over the typed name.

Sharon Hanton, MSW
Executive Director

NAME: NORMA VESTRE

DATE: MAR. 16-87

ADDRESS: Helena

PHONE: 449-3865

REPRESENTING WHOM? *SRC*

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HR 646

DO YOU :

SUPPORT?

X

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS :

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 646

An Act to Generally Revise and Clarify State Laws

Relating to Child Day Care Facilities

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services requested introduction of this Bill. This is a result of work and study completed the past year by a State Day Care Task Force comprised of parents, day care providers, personnel from the Department, Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, the State Fire Marshals Office, the Office of Public Instruction and others. The purpose of the Bill is to clarify the State laws relating to Child Day Care Facilities and to require registration of Family Day Care Homes instead of licensing.

The Bill specifically defines all levels of care. A Day Care Center provides care to thirteen (13) or more children. A Group Day Care Home provides care for seven (7) to twelve (12) children. A Family Day Care Home provides care for six (6) or fewer children. The term "Day Care Facility" has been defined to include all of the aforementioned levels of care.

Only Group Day Care is new for Montana. The existing law defines any facility that cares for seven(7) or more children as a center.

Why do we need Group Home Day Care? Parents, providers, members of the State Day Care Association and Social Workers responsible for licensing, have identified many potential applicants, who because of large homes or available staff aides, could provide care in their own homes for more than

six (6) children. However, their homes neither can, nor do applicants wish to commence major remodeling, to comply with strict fire safety codes. Group Day Care Homes, therefore, will add an additional, although less regulated, level of care in the provider's own home.

What is Registration as opposed to Licensing? Registration involves the Department making regulations available to day care providers who will determine independently that they comply with standards. A provider will simply register with the Department declaring that they comply with the minimal standards for quality care.

What are some of the advantages of Registration? Registration is far less regulatory than the process of licensing. A Social Worker will not inspect a home to determine compliance prior to the applicant being registered to provide day care. The responsibility for Family Day Care Home monitoring and evaluation will be placed primarily on the parent and the consumer who use day care facilities. The procedure for registration is less "intimidating" and has increased, sometimes doubled, the number of available homes in other states that already use the process of registration. Parents will have a broader range of choices in securing a registered family day care home.

The Social Worker's responsibility will change from enforcer or watch dog to an advocate for educational services for parents, providers and the community.

Are there other significant changes in the Bill? In order to avoid revising the Day Care Law during every Legislative Session, the Bill states "The Department shall pay a daily rate established by the Department", instead of specifying the exact dollar amount.

The Bill also clarifies the responsibilities between the Department and the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences. Rule making authority for the health hazards of inadequate food preparation, poor nutrition and communicable diseases are included as responsibilities of the Health Department.

The Health Department requested and the Department included, language giving the Health Department the authority to charge a fee for any training or inspections for the licensing process.

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services urges your favorable consideration of this Bill.

Norma Vestre Administrator

Community Services Division

NAME :

DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

✓

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS :

Blackmont

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 646

I'm here in favor of HB 646. It is a bill designed to allow a greater variety of child care services for the working parents of our State, and at the same time ask for minimal standards to protect the children that must be cared for away from home.

Requesting that a person or persons who are selling services to the public be registered or licensed is not new, and does not infringe upon the rights of a citizen to choose where they shop. For example: A citizen's right to choose a bakery, restaurant, bar, hospital, rest home, beauty shop, barber shop, etc. is not being infringed upon because state law requires these services to be licensed. Are not our children as important as our "hair".

If someone decides to care for a friend's or relative's children, that is not our concern. That is between the two parties. When a person chooses to care for children as a business, then there must be some guidelines to protect the children and assure that they will not be exploited in order for that person to make a profit.

For this reason I, as a concerned citizen and an advocate for quality child care, urge you to support HB 646.

Janice Watson
1330 So. 4th St. W.
Missoula, Montana 59801

NAME: Josephine Calhoun DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 525 Hayes Helena, MT.

PHONE: 442-7087

REPRESENTING WHOM? Myself

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB646

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: I strongly feel that some regulation is needed in Day Care to ensure the safety and proper development of young children. My granddaughter is in Day Care and I feel, through licensing, she is receiving quality care. Registration would offer a mechanism to compile a list of all people in area who would meet regulations -
I feel also that registration would benefit both parent and child and that, in my opinion, is what this Bill is all about.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: *Mollie Wehrman*

DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: Rt 3 Haskin Rd, Belp, Mt.

PHONE: 373-5957

REPRESENTING WHOM? Montana Day Care Ass.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HR 646

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☒ OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

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NAME: Wren Angel DATE: 3-16

ADDRESS: 420 Clark Ave

PHONE: 248-6039

REPRESENTING WHOM? Billing Day Care Center

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 646 orig.

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? NO OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: The present system of licensing is a
mandatory system. Registration in effect
will be deregulation and voluntary.
If this state does not include homes
the Federal CCFP would be in jeopardy and
it has been of benefit to many of our states
children and operators. It also is a voluntary
program available to those who wish to
upgrade the quality of their services.

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NAME: Alice Gudhart DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 628 Denis Drive Great Falls

PHONE: 761-7678

REPRESENTING WHOM? Great Falls Day Care Assn

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 4P 646

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ~~do not know~~

COMMENTS: The State of Montana needs
business day registration. Day care
homes can participate in the federal
Child Care Food Program without
business day registration. The Child
Care Food Program reimburses day care
homes for serving food according to
regulations. This reimbursement helps
the keep day care costs down
so working parents can afford to
have good day care for their
children.

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NAME: John Anderson DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 4655 N. 4th St. Kilauea

PHONE: 442-2663

REPRESENTING WHOM? Dept of Justice

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H.B. 676

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Jean CURTIS DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 1419 Howell - Missoula

PHONE: 721-1705

REPRESENTING WHOM? Young children of Montana

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 641

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: I have done day care in my home for 6 years & have been licensed all during this time - I feel people have the wrong idea as to what being licensed or registered means - it is not an intrusion of your privacy - It is just a way of having you state that you care about children enough to identify yourself - It in no way affects relatives who watches relative children etc. - It is the only safeguard we have for these children - Any person who watches children for a business should expect to need a license - as any other business does.

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This bill will still allow day care homes to participate in the Child Care Food Program, low cost liability insurance, tax breaks for ~~of~~ Business in Home expenses & training programs sponsored by Day Care Association throughout the state.

This bill puts the responsibility of choosing "QUALITY" care on the parent. The standards are minimal and not hard to meet.

(over)

Registration is voluntary and ~~there is~~ the penalty
clause doesn't affect persons ~~are~~ caring for or foster
children.

Amend House

Amend HB 646, third reading (blue) copy, as follows:

1. Page 3, line 12.

Following: "basis"

Insert: "that elect to be eligible for payments under sections 53-4-514 and 53-4-516"

2. Page 3, line 15.

Following: "basis"

Insert: that elect to be eligible for payment under sections 53-4-514 and 53-4-516"

3. Page 4, line 18.

Following: "home"

Insert: "as defined in '53-4-501,"

4. Page 4, line 21.

Following: "home"

Insert: "as defined in 53-4-501"

5. Page 5, line 2.

Following: "children"

Strike: "must be"

Insert: "are not"

6. Page 5, line 3.

Following: line 2

Strike: "THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR IN DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS IN"

7. Page 5, line 15.

Following: "home"

Insert: "as defined in 53-4-501,"

8. Page 5, line 22.

Following: "home"

Insert: "as defined in 53-4-501,"

9. Page 13, line 3.

Following: "home"

Insert: "as defined in 53-4-501,"

10. Page 15, line 23.

Following: "certificate"

Insert: "as required by this part"

NAME: Cynthia S. Baumann DATE: March 16, 198

ADDRESS: 1118 W. Water; Lewistown 59457

PHONE: 538-3362

REPRESENTING WHOM? self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H.B. 146

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? ✓ OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: I resent ^{the} implication that I am
incapable of choosing a babysitter for
my sons without the help of welfare.

This should only pertain to
welfare recipients.

Where would the money come from
that would pay for additional
welfare personnel?

Low-cost liability insurance and
federal food cost subsidies are already

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available to those who choose to
accept them.

NAME: Carol A. Brown DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 305 Cedar, Lewistown, Mt. 59457

PHONE: 538-5206

REPRESENTING WHOM? Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB # 646

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? ☒ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: Please read the attached list of
arguments against HB # 646.

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ARGUMENTS AGAINST HOUSE BILL # 646:

- (1) A bill directed at qualifying day-care centers for federal tax exemptions, low-cost liability insurance, and federal food subsidies should not limit or eliminate the rights of the tax paying majority in the process. This bill takes all rights in determining appropriate day-care away from parents. SRS would have full control.
- (2) A bill directed at extending the intrusion and control of the government into the lives of private taxpayers for no justifiable purpose lacks true legislative substance.
- (3) This bill speaks to the conditions of the place but not to the care given.
- (4) Presently many day-care facilities do not meet minimum standards of cleanliness and safety yet are allowed to remain open for service.
- (5) This bill, if passed into law, would make it necessary to hire many more SRS employees to enforce it. This would amount to a tremendous government expense. Who would foot the bill? The taxpayers who would also pay for the service? --double duty? Is this desirable ?
- (6) This bill, if passed into law, would force many sound babysitters out of business. Since a babysitter has to count her own children under 12 years of age as part of the allowable quota, her paying customers are reduced. This would make it impossible for many babysitters to operate without raising rates, working an added hardship on single parents.
- (7) This bill tries to legislate morality by making it a natural by-product of a government inspected, regulated environment. If regulations were consistently formulated throughout the State and inspections were consistently carried out with common sense in mind, then this bill would merit more justification. As it stands now mothers and fathers would have very little say as to the conditions into which their children would be placed. Welfare's track record just isn't that good to deserve the kind of blind trust we would be called upon to place in it.

- (8) This bill, if passed into law, suggests that advise would be sought from outside groups concerned with children. It doesn't establish any sort of governing board or body which would make and/or revise rules, police enforcement of rules, or set standards of consistency. Local interpretation would vary widely, as would enforcement. Why is accountability lacking?
- (9) If we pay for the services of a babysitter we want the freedom of choice along with it.
If the State pays, then regulation of certain babysitters is warranted to ensure public funds are spent appropriately.

We the undersigned are in opposition to House Bill # 646:

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Gudy Bristol

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John Smith

John Smith

John Smith

Ron Baumann

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Dick Weston

Edw. H. Johnston

Charles Hanson

Bill Faxon

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NAME: Phyllis Evans DATE: 3-16-77

ADDRESS: 131 NE 1st St. Miami

PHONE: 538-8472

REPRESENTING WHOM? Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 12-64

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? ✓ OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: This bill should be amended
according to Sen. Brown's recommendation
The SPS is suggesting the new
human water regulation is a threat
to our lives.
It will not fairly be made

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NAME: Joan Christopherson DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 910 Ronald Missoula MT 5980

PHONE: 542-2310

REPRESENTING WHOM? ^{unorganized} My care children and parents

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 646

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? X OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: 1. There is no question that the state
has a responsibility for overseeing day care
services for children - as we regulate Barber &
beauty & food services etc in the interests
of public health as our citizens have been told as
2. Such regulation as implied in this bill's
is not universally adequate - past experience
bears this out in endless horror stories.
(I have worked in day care one way or another
for 40 years.)
3. To the extent that this bill leads to better
regulation of day care I favor it. But
4. Because I fear its overall effect

regulation requirement

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will be a weakening of state efforts to
improve care for children in day care, I cannot.
wholeheartedly support it. I would, therefore,
be in favor of living with what is now
on the books.

NAME: George Hagen DATE: Mar 16, 1971

ADDRESS: Brighton

PHONE: 774-2381

REPRESENTING WHOM? _____

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 1564

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? ☒ OPPOSE? ☒

COMMENTS: Unnecessary govt. intrusion in family
decision making

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NAME: JUDITH H CARLSON DATE: 3/16/81

ADDRESS: HELENA

PHONE: 9-5622

REPRESENTING WHOM? SR

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 646

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Rose Mary Salgers DATE: 3/16/81

ADDRESS: 1517 Glenview - Helena, MT. 59601

PHONE: 443-5180

REPRESENTING WHOM? Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H B 646

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: We adamantly refuse further government intrusion in our private homes.

I oppose vehemently that it is open ended to where further promulgation could & would lead. It is a blank check and cannot be allowed ~~at~~ in its present form.

Our homes are our castles and we are outraged at these endless intrusions. Ultimately many will give up after being harassed and the result will be Gov't controlled day care centers. They warehouse our precious young.
I vigorously oppose H B 646. Many have asked me to testify in their behalf while they are home caring for these precious little ones in a ~~free~~ home atmosphere.

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NAME: David J. [unclear] DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 124 5th Ave South Cambridge

PHONE: 5 [unclear]

REPRESENTING WHOM? Small

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H.S. 32

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: I feel that in an environment in
our state there is a bias. I feel I am
possible of being the right choice for our country
when I am in a state. The situation here
has little to do with it.

Another person should be in
control of the state. I support the
state of affairs. I feel it is hard
to see these people better able to see
a better world. I feel it is hard
to see these people better able to see
a better world. I feel it is hard

A thousand best wishes to all facing
a new world. David

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NAME: Jan Kline DATE: 3-16-81

ADDRESS: 914 Ave. "B" N.W. St. Falls, Me. 04760

PHONE: 423-2388

REPRESENTING WHOM? St. Falls Day Care Association

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 146

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: I believe our need for day care
protection for day care centers is a matter
I feel I have felt I have need to check down
the financing book

(Our financing should be maintained)
but not being maintained. Does not have
such as the St. Falls Day Care Center
which is one of the few programs that keeps
both the providers and the children.

If we are a good children is it
should be one of our greatest concerns
after all they will be in our schools one
day soon

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1529 Chateau Street
Helena, Montana 59601

March 16, 1981

Senate Public Health Com.

Senator Tom Hager, Chairman

Vote against HB 46!

Good fathering and good mothering

- begin with responsibility. One does not
- become more responsible by removing
responsibility. The authority of the family
- needs to be strengthened today - not
weakened. Let the family alone. Parents
- know what's best for their own
children.

- I resent bureaucrats constantly be-
- littling parents.

- Stop telling parents that social service
experts can do a better job than they in
rearing their own children.

- Pride in one's accomplishments, self
esteem can never be realized by govern-
ment handouts.

- Let alone, parents can be innovative,
enterprising, productive in caring for their
own children and at no cost to
anyone!

Mrs. Beverly Glueckert