

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By Senator Dorothy Eck, on March 15, 1993, at  
5:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dorothy Eck, Chair (D)  
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)  
Sen. Terry Klampe (D)  
Sen. Kenneth Mesaros (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Tom Hager, Sen. David Rye, Sen. Eve  
Franklin, Sen. Tom Towe

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Tom Gomez, Legislative Council  
Laura Turman, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HB 158  
Executive Action: None.

Sen. Fred Van Valkenburg was present so the Committee would have  
a quorum to begin the hearing.

**HEARING ON HB 158**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. Mike Kadas, House District 55, said during the last  
Legislative session a bill was passed that set up a joint  
Alternative Health Care Board. This board covered midwives and  
naturopaths. HB 158 is a "clean-up" bill. Rep. Kadas went  
through the sections of the bill.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Dr. Michael Bergkamp, Chairman of the Alternative Health Care  
Board, said the Board is made up of six members: two  
naturopaths, two midwives, one medical doctor, and one public

member. The changes in HB 158 stem from problems associated with having two professional groups under one board, and now the number of individuals on the Board is substantially larger. The original bill was written for only three Board members. There was basically no opposition in the House, and it passed through Committee unanimously. Anything controversial was kept out of the bill, so that HB 158 is a housekeeping bill.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Sen. Mesaros asked Cheryl Brandt how many midwives there were. Cheryl Brandt, Licensing Specialist for the Board of Alternative Health Care, said there were currently five licensed midwives.


Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Kadas said Sen. Mike Halligan would carry the bill in the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Chairman Eck adjourned the hearing at 5:25 p.m.

  
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SENATOR DOROTHY ECK, Chair

  
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LAURA TURMAN, Secretary

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# ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Eck	✓		
Franklin			✓
Klampe	✓		
Hager			✓
Towe			✓
Mesaros	✓		
Rye			✓
Christiaens	✓		
Van Valkenburg, Speaker	✓		

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON Public Health

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: HB 158

Name (please print)	Representing	Bill No.	Check One Support Oppose	Other
Dr Michael Bergkamp	Alternative Health CARE BOARD	158	✓	
Cheryl Brandt	"	"	Information	
Carol Grell	"	"		X Inform

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