

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 872
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS; ESTABLISHING
 5 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMISSION;
 6 OUTLINING THE DUTIES AND ROLE OF THE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMISSION; ESTABLISHING MEETING
 7 DATES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT; PROVIDING FOR A PRESENTATION OF THE ~~ADVISORY~~
 8 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR
 9 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATOR INPUT; PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY APPROVE OR
 10 MODIFY THE RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING THE
 11 LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW AUTHORITY;
 12 PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; ~~PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION;~~ AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
 13 EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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17 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Behavioral health system for future generations advisory
18 commission. (1) There is a behavioral health system for future generations ~~advisory~~ commission.

- 19 (2) The ~~advisory~~ commission consists of:
- 20 (a) ~~two senators, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the~~
21 ~~committee on committees; THE SPONSOR OF [THIS ACT];~~
- 22 (b) ~~two representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by~~
23 ~~the speaker of the house; and~~
- 24 (c)(B) three members, including the director of the department of public health and human services,
25 appointed by the governor; AND
- 26 (C) SEVEN FIVE LEGISLATORS, FOUR THREE FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY AND THREE TWO FROM THE
27 MINORITY PARTY, SELECTED BY THE SPONSOR, WHO SHALL CONFER WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND THE
28 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;



1 (d) an individual selected by the Montana behavioral health advisory council who is or has been
2 the recipient of mental health services in this state provided by a mental health professional as defined in 53-
3 21-102; and

4 (e) an individual selected by the statewide independent living council, established under 42 U.S.C.
5 15025, who is or has been the recipient of services provided by the Montana developmental disabilities
6 program described in 53-20-203.

7 (3) For legislative appointments, legislators serving as members MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE
8 MEMBER OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

9 (A) of the legislative finance committee;

10 (B) the health and human services interim budget committee provided for in 5-12-501;

11 (C) and the children, families, health, and human services interim committee from the 2025
12 biennium are given preference;

13 (D) THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR
14 IN 5-12-501; AND

15 (E) THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR IN 5-12-501.

16 (4) Appointed members of the ~~advisory~~ commission must be compensated and receive travel
17 expenses as provided for in 2-15-124 for each day in attendance at commission meetings or in the performance
18 of any duty or service as a commission member.

19 (5) The department of public health and human ~~LEGISLATIVE services DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF~~
20 ~~PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES~~ shall staff the ~~advisory~~ commission AND PAY FOR THE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF
21 THE COMMISSION FROM THE APPROPRIATION IN [SECTION 7]. THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE
22 RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION OR ITS LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS.

23 (6) The ~~advisory~~ commission shall elect a chair from the legislative branch AND A VICE CHAIR FROM
24 ONE OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES. ~~The director of the department of public health and human services shall~~
25 ~~serve as the vice chair.~~

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27 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Commission -- meetings -- recommendations. (1) The ~~advisory~~
28 commission shall recommend how funds allocated to the department of public health and human services