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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 253, 2/1/2017

HEARING ON HB 253

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:01:30   Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 253, Inflationary increase for special education allowable cost of payment.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:03:28   Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM) Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE)
EXHIBIT(edh26a01)
EXHIBIT(edh26a02)

00:08:58   Vern Beffert, Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE)
00:12:40   Michelle Halberg, Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE)
00:19:23   Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech Language Hearing Association
EXHIBIT(edh26a03)

00:21:00   Lisa Lowney, Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE)
00:24:57   Denise Williams Montana Association of School Board Officials (MASBO)
00:27:34   Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:28:13   Tim Miller, Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE)
EXHIBIT(edh26a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:
00:34:07   Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
00:34:40   Rep. Vinton
00:35:08   Rep. Funk
00:36:14   Rep. Curtis
00:36:35   Rep. Funk
00:36:53   Rep. Curtis
00:37:04   Rep. Funk
00:37:53   Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:38:24   Paul Taylor, OPI
00:39:44   Rep. Staffanson
00:40:20   Paul Taylor, OPI
00:41:04   Rep. Beard
00:41:25   Paul Taylor, OPI
00:41:52   Rep. Beard
00:42:15   Paul Taylor, OPI
00:42:44   Rep. Beard
00:42:54   Paul Taylor
00:43:30   Chair Berglee
00:43:56   Kirk Miller, SAM and MCASE
00:45:20   Chair Berglee

00:45:35   Kirk Miller, SAM and MCASE
00:46:49   Chair Berglee
00:47:20   Kirk Miller, SAM and MCASE

Closing by Sponsor:
00:48:08   Rep. Funk

ADJOURNMENT

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(edh26aad.pdf)