

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 21, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Rob Cook (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 4, 3/13/2017; HB 13, 3/13/2017
Executive Action: HB 4; HB 5; HB 6; HB 7; HB 8; HB 9; HB 11

00:01:01 Chair Ballance relinquished chair to Vice Chair Brodehl
00:02:18 Chair Brodehl

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by budget amendment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:33 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:06:24 Rep. Cook arrived

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:32 Rep. Ballance

00:08:04 Rep. Ballance resumed the chair

HEARING ON HB 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:14 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 13, State employee pay plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:26 Rich Aarstad, State of Montana Employee
00:12:13 Nicole Thuotte, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:14:22 Mike Mergenthaler, Helena Chamber of Commerce
00:15:32 Daniel Laughlin, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:17:15 Kevin McRae, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)
00:17:59 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)
00:18:29 J.D. Lynch, Teamster #2, Montana State Building Trades
00:19:08 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
00:20:06 Larry Nielsen, MEA-MFT
00:20:28 Quint Nyman, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:21:08 Mike Manion, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:21:32 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:01 Rep. Woods
00:22:22 Rich Aarstad, State of Montana Employee
00:22:28 Rep. Woods
00:22:46 Rep. Hamlett
00:23:49 Rep. Funk
00:24:35 Rep. Hamlett
00:24:43 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:25:49 Rep. Burnett
00:28:00 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:28:17 Rep. Burnett
00:28:27 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:30:06 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:30:53 Chair Ballance
00:31:00 Rep. Cook
00:31:22 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:33:06 Mike Manion, DOA
00:33:44 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:33:58 Chair Ballance
00:34:18 Mike Manion, DOA
00:34:27 Rep. Burnett
00:35:09 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:35:27 Rep. Jones
00:35:49 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:35:57 Mike Manion, DOA
00:38:10 Rep. Tschida
00:38:53 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:39:18 Rep. Patelis
00:40:23 Mike Manion, DOA
00:40:27 Chair Ballance
00:40:34 Rep. Burnett
00:41:23 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:41:33 Rep. Woods
00:43:00 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:43:20 Rep. Cook
00:46:11 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:46:20 Rep. Glimm
00:46:39 Amy Sassano, OBPP
00:46:56 Chair Ballance
00:47:58 Mike Manion, DOA
00:48:56 Chair Ballance
00:49:01 Rep. Woods
00:49:18 Mike Manion, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:30 Rep. Funk

00:50:58 Chair Ballance
00:51:51 Rep. Holmlund
00:52:43 Chair Ballance

00:53:23 Chair Ballance

00:53:37 Recessed

02:52:25 Reconvened

02:52:35 Chair Ballance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 5

02:52:39 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 5 DO PASS.**

02:52:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph58a01)

02:53:42 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph58a02)

Discussion:

02:54:06 Rep. Cook

02:54:29 Chair Ballance

02:54:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

02:54:59 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph58a03)

Discussion:

02:55:48 Rep. Cook

02:56:07 Rep. Tschida

02:56:18 Chair Ballance

02:56:34 Rep. Glimm

02:56:51 Rep. Keane

02:57:29 Vice Chair Brodehl

02:57:41 Rep. Keane

02:57:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

02:59:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph58a04)

03:00:20 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 5 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:00:36 Rep. Burnett

03:02:12 Rep. Tschida

03:02:59 Rep. Patelis

03:03:21 Vice Chair Brodehl
03:04:08 Rep. Keane
03:05:10 Rep. Woods

03:05:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6

03:06:02 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 6 DO PASS**.

03:06:21 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 6 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(aph58a05\)](#)

Discussion:

03:06:54 Chair Ballance

03:07:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

03:07:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 7

03:07:52 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 7 DO PASS**.

03:08:03 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 7 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(aph58a06\)](#)

Discussion:

03:08:30 Chair ballance

03:08:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

03:08:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 7 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 8

03:09:24 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 8 DO PASS**.

03:09:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 8 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.
[EXHIBIT\(aph58a07\)](#)

03:10:29 **Motion:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 8 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(aph58a08\)](#)

Discussion:

03:11:15 Vice Chair Brodehl
03:11:28 Rep. Cook
03:11:55 Rep. Keane
03:12:11 Rep. Cook

03:12:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

03:12:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9

03:13:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 9 DO PASS**. Motion carried 18-4 by voice vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Glimm and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 11

03:14:05 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 11 DO PASS**.

03:14:10 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 11 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(aph58a09\)](#)

Discussion:

03:15:06 Chair Ballance
03:15:12 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

03:15:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

03:15:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 11 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 4

03:16:17 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 4 DO PASS**.

03:16:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 4 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a10\)](#)

03:17:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 4 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

03:18:08 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:19:41

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph58aad.pdf](#))