

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 20, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, 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 134, 4/19/2017

Executive Action: HB 134 Be Concurred In Amended

00:00:01 Chairman Jones

HEARING ON HB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 134, Revise school funding related to facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:09 Renee Rasmussen, superintendent, Bainville Public Schools

00:08:19 Ken Morrison, Baker and Plevna Public Schools

00:08:42 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:10:16 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

00:11:18 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

00:12:08 Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

00:12:40 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:39 Rep. Essmann

00:15:29 Recess

Sen. Keenan left the meeting.

00:30:22 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 134

00:30:41 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 134 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:30:42 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 134 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs81a01\)](#)

Discussion:

00:30:54 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs81a02\)](#)

00:34:52 Sen. Moore

00:35:34 Mr. McCracken, LSD

00:36:03 Sen. Moore

[EXHIBIT\(fcs81a03\)](#)

00:36:10 Mr. McCracken

00:36:24 Sen. Lang

00:37:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Sen. Whitford voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Keenan were excused.

00:37:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 134 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Sen. Whitford voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

00:37:57 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 AM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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