

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on January 18, 2019 at 2:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Abigail Konen, Committee Clerk  
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 177, 1/15/2019  
Executive Action: HB 61 - Do Pass as Amended, HB 127 - Do Pass,  
HB 159 - Do Pass

13:59:51 Chair Berglee  
13:59:52 Rep. Bishop entered the meeting

### **HEARING ON HB 177**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:00:05 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 177, Allow school districts to use equalization aid for preschool programs.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

14:01:50 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
14:02:25 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA), School Administrators of Montana (SAM), Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
14:03:09 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:03:42 Vice Chair Vinton  
14:04:12 Denise Williams, MASBO  
14:05:10 Vice Chair Vinton  
14:05:33 Denise Williams, MASBO  
14:05:39 Rep. Bishop  
14:06:35 Dennis Parman, MREA, SAM, MQEC  
14:07:28 Rep. Tschida  
14:08:02 Rep. Anderson  
14:08:14 Rep. Beard  
14:08:45 Dennis Parman, MREA, SAM, MQEC  
14:09:45 Rep. Beard  
14:10:00 Dennis Parman, MREA, SAM, MQEC

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

14:11:06 Rep. Anderson  
  
14:11:29 Recessed  
14:14:47 Reconvened  
  
14:14:47 Rep. Hertz entered the meeting

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 61**

14:15:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Vinton moved that **HB 61 DO PASS.**

14:15:21 **Motion:** Rep. Schreiner moved that **HB 61 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(edh10a01)**

**Discussion:**

14:15:32 Rep. Schreiner

14:16:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

14:16:30 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Vinton moved that **HB 61 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 127**

14:17:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Vinton moved that **HB 127 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:17:25 Vice Chair Vinton

14:18:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 159**

14:18:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Vinton moved that **HB 159 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:18:34 Rep. Grubbs

14:18:56 Rep. Schreiner

14:19:27 Rep. Hertz

14:19:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

14:20:11 Chair Berglee

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 14:20:17

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Abigail Konen, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh10aad.pdf](#))