

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Vinton, on January 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
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. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jordee Bomgardner, 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 135, 1/16/2019; HB 158, 1/16/2019; HB 171, 1/16/2019; HB 176, 1/16/2019

15:02:11 Chair Vinton

HEARING ON HB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:01 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 171, Create career and technical education and workforce development commission.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:53 Steve Meloy, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

15:08:30 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:11:32 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony:

15:12:48 Al Ekblad, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

15:16:05 Rep. Tschida entered the meeting

Informational Testimony:

15:17:39 Judy Bovington, Montana Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(edh11a01\)](#)

15:18:37 Shannon Lewis, Director, State Workforce Innovation Board (SWIB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:20:07 Rep. Bachmeier

15:20:35 Shannon Lewis, SWIB

15:21:05 Rep. Bachmeier

15:21:15 Shannon Lewis, SWIB

15:21:21 Rep. Bachmeier

15:21:29 Shannon Lewis, SWIB

15:22:43 Rep. Bachmeier

15:23:03 Shannon Lewis, SWIB

15:23:48 Rep. Fuller

15:24:40 Al Ekblad, AFL-CIO

15:26:37 Rep. Beard

15:27:06 Al Ekblad, AFL-CIO

15:27:25 Rep. Beard

15:27:35 Al Ekblad, AFL-CIO

15:27:48 Rep. McKamey

15:28:32 Judy Bovington, DLI

15:29:06 Rep. McKamey

15:29:19 Judy Bovington, DLI

15:29:48 Scott Eychner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

15:30:21 Rep. McKamey

15:30:39 Scott Eychner, DLI

15:31:21 Rep. McKamey

15:31:29 Scott Eychner, DLI

15:32:10 Rep. McKamey

15:32:18 Rep. Schreiner
15:33:16 Rep. Bedey
15:34:04 Rep. Schreiner
15:34:25 Rep. Bedey
15:34:55 Rep. Schreiner
15:35:16 Rep. Bedey
15:36:17 Rep. Bachmeier
15:37:10 Rep. Bedey
15:37:33 Rep. Funk
15:39:26 Rep. Bedey
15:40:24 Chair Vinton
15:40:51 Al Ekblad, AFL-CIO

Closing by Sponsor:

15:42:41 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:44:05 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 176, Clarify approval process for new community college district.

[EXHIBIT\(edh11a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

15:46:26 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 158

15:46:54 Rep. Schreiner left the meeting

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:47:11 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 158, Revise and fund purple heart scholarship , include higher medals.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:51:14 Brandi King, Fort Belknap Indian Community Council (FBICC)
15:53:48 Julian Adler Montana Public Interest Research Group (MTPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:55:44 Keith Newmeyer, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh11a03\)](#)**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:57:34 Rep. Beard
15:58:01 Rep. Peppers
15:58:23 Rep. McKamey
15:58:51 Rep. Peppers
15:59:10 Rep. McKamey
15:59:40 Brandi King, FBICC
16:01:30 Rep. Funk
16:02:13 Rep. Peppers
16:02:39 Rep. Fuller
16:03:38 Rep. Peppers
16:03:58 Rep. Fuller
16:04:49 Rep. Peppers
16:04:59 Rep. Fuller

Closing by Sponsor:

16:05:32 Rep. Peppers

HEARING ON HB 135**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:06:32 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 135, Create tribal college credit transfer and student opportunity task force.

16:08:02 Rep. Schreiner joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

16:10:14 Brock Tessman, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)
16:11:48 Rep. Schreiner Left the meeting
16:13:53 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students (MAS)
16:15:35 Brenna Love, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)
16:16:49 Rep. Hopkins
16:18:19 Doctor Sandra Boham, President of Salish Kootenai College
16:24:29 Julian Adler, MTPIRG
16:26:58 Richard E. Littlebear, President of Chief Dull Knife College
16:31:45 Brandi King, FBICC

[EXHIBIT\(edh11a04\)](#)

16:32:29 Rep. Bishop left the meeting
16:33:40 Rep. Tschida left the meeting
16:35:06 Colleen Campbell, Western Native Voice

[EXHIBIT\(edh11a05\)](#)

16:37:06 Rep. Bahr
16:38:50 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:None

Informational Testimony:None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:39:39 Rep. Anderson
16:40:30 Brock Tessman, OCHE
16:42:13 Rep. Anderson
16:42:42 Brock Tessman, OCHE
16:43:35 Rep. Fuller
16:44:12 Brock Tessman, OCHE
16:44:55 Rep. Fuller
16:45:47 Brock Tessman OCHE
16:46:42 Rep. Keogh
16:47:29 Doctor Sandra Boham
16:48:11 Rep. Keogh
16:48:34 Doctor Sandra Boham
16:49:10 Rep. Keogh
16:49:38 Doctor Sandra Boham
16:52:31 Rep. McKamey
16:53:12 Doctor Sandra Boham
16:55:41 Rep. Morigeau
16:57:40 Rep. Windy Boy
17:00:24 Rep. Morigeau
17:01:05 Rep. Windy Boy
17:02:16 Chair Vinton
17:02:54 Joe Thiel, Director of Academic Policy and Research, OCHE

Closing by Sponsor:

17:06:40 Rep. Windy Boy
17:07:31 Chair Vinton

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:07:47

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh11aad.pdf](#))