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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on January 22, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

Members Excused:
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk
Joe Triem, 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 175, 1/14/2019
Executive Action: HB 71, HB 73, HB 175

HEARING ON HB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:07:18   Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 175, Provide for state employee pay plan.

15:07:53   Rep. Woods joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:
15:09:33   Adam Schafer, Governor's office
15:10:11   Larry Nielsen, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
15:13:35   Kevin McRae, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)
15:14:55   Bill Dwyer, University of Montana, Montana Federation of Public Employees (U of M) (MFPE)
15:15:49   Rich Aarstad, Self
15:16:21   Rep. Ryan joined the meeting
15:16:55   Geneva Zoltek, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
15:17:55   Dave Harris, Self
15:18:24   Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
15:18:53   Al Ekblad, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (MT AFL-CIO)
15:19:18   Rep. Casey Schreiner, HD 26
15:20:01   Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students (MAS)
15:20:37   John Forkan, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
15:21:14   Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce
15:22:08   Nicole Thuotte, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:
15:23:25   Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
15:23:53   Mike Manion, Department of Administration (DOA)
15:24:23   Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:24:43   Rep. Jones
15:28:10   Amy Sassano, OBPP
15:28:19   Rep. Woods
15:28:47   Larry Nielsen, MFPE
15:29:02   Rep. Woods
15:29:32   Rep. Hopkins
15:29:55   Amy Sassano, OBPP
15:30:10   Mike Manion, DOA
15:30:53   Rep. Hamlett
15:32:01   Amy Sassano, OBPP
15:32:17   Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:
15:32:53   Rep. Dooling

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 71

15:37:18   **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 71 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dudik and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73

15:38:14   **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 73 DO PASS**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Burnett voting no. Rep. Dudik and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 175

15:39:01   **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 175 DO PASS**.

15:39:07   **Motion/Vote:** Rep. F. Moore moved that **HB 175 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED ON PAGE 2 LINE 22, STRIKE LANGUAGE AFTER THE WORD LODGING THROUGH THE WORD DAY .** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dudik and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:40:04   **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 175 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 20-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Burnett and Rep. Regier voting no. Rep. Dudik and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:41:35   Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:41:56

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Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph12aad.pdf](aph12aad.pdf))