

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm, on January 28, 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. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. David Bedey (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (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 159, 1/23/2019  
Executive Action: HB 69, HB 159

**HEARING ON HB 159****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:11 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 159, Generally revise education funding laws.

15:04:51 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:07:34 Eric Feaver, Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:08:28 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:08:47 Nick Van Brown, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:09:08 Rep. Burnett

15:11:46 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:13:03 Chair Ballance

15:13:36 Paul Taylor, OPI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:15:32 Rep. Grubbs

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 69**

15:16:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ballance moved that **HB 69 DO PASS**. Motion carried 20-2 by voice vote with Rep. Burnett and Rep. M. Regier voting no. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keane and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 159**

15:18:52 **Motion:** Rep. Ballance moved that **HB 159 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

15:18:59 Chair Glimm

15:19:21 Rep. Lynch

15:19:39 Rep. Ryan

15:20:56 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:21:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keane and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:22:03

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Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph16aad.pdf](#))