

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on February 1, 2019 at 2:45 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. John Fuller, Vice Chair (R)  
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. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (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 218, 2/1/2019; HB 254, 2/1/2019 HB 295, 2/1/2019;  
SB 10, 2/1/2019

14:48:20 Chair Berglee

### **HEARING ON HB 218**

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

14:48:38 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 218, Generally revise laws related to career and technical education.

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

14:50:52 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
14:55:10 Scott Walter, East Helena Schools  
14:56:23 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.  
14:58:08 Greg Upham, Superintendent, Billings Public Schools  
15:01:53 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
15:06:13 Karen Baumgart, Big Sky Economic Development, Billings Works  
15:09:23 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
15:09:58 Tom Moore, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)  
15:14:25 Mark Yaeger, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)  
15:17:09 Amie, Grmoljez, City of Billings, Billings Clinic  
15:19:19 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
15:20:30 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association  
15:21:42 Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
15:22:06 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
15:22:28 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
15:22:56 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman/Billings Chamber of Commerce  
15:23:29 Rep. Schreiner left the meeting.  
15:23:54 Kirk Miller, School Administrations of Montana (SAM)  
15:25:48 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)  
15:26:06 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

15:26:47 Rep. Fuller  
15:27:51 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
15:29:27 Rep. Beard  
15:30:05 Rep. Vinton  
15:30:41 Rep. Beard  
15:30:48 Rep. Vinton  
15:31:00 Chair Berglee  
15:31:41 Karen Baumgart, Big Sky Economic Development, Billings Works  
15:33:27 Chair Berglee  
15:34:07 Greg Upham, Greg Upham, Superintendent, Billings Public Schools

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

15:35:11 Rep. Vinton

**HEARING ON HB 295****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:36:37 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 295, Create grant program to encourage work-based learning.

15:36:45 Vice Chair Vinton left the meeting.

15:38:57 Rep. Morigeau left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:39:41 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

15:40:22 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman/Billings Chamber of Commerce

15:40:43 Ed Halland, Self

15:42:55 Tom Moore, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

15:45:13 Brain Thompson, Montana Contractors Association

15:46:06 Scott Walter, East Helena Public Schools

15:47:24 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

15:49:56 Jennifer James, American Institute of Architects (AIA)

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15:50:32 Darrell Holzer, Union Building and Construction Trades

15:53:29 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

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

15:55:30 Scott Eychner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:55:53 Rep. Runningwolf

15:56:16 Rep. Anderson

15:57:12 Rep. Schreiner

15:57:57 Rep. Anderson

15:58:27 Rep. Schreiner

15:58:54 Rep. Anderson

16:00:03 Rep. Schreiner

16:00:38 Rep. Anderson

16:00:43 Rep. Schreiner

16:01:00 Rep. Anderson

16:02:03 Chair Berglee

16:02:45 Scott Eychner, DLI

16:03:45 Rep. Funk

16:04:23 Rep. Anderson

16:04:48 Rep. Schreiner

16:05:16 Tom Moore, GFPS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:07:04 Rep. Anderson

16:07:22 Chair Berglee  
16:07:35 Recessed  
16:16:36 Reconvened

### **HEARING ON SB 10**

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

16:16:49 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 10, Revise school funding related to major maintenance aid.

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

16:18:00 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA), Montana Public Education Center (MTPEC)  
16:18:40 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

16:19:28 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

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

16:19:49 Rep. Fuller  
16:19:54 Sen. Salomon

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

16:20:11 Sen. Salomon

### **HEARING ON HB 254**

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

16:20:44 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 254, Provide for a statutory appropriation for certain MUS tuition waivers.

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

16:25:00 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students (MAS)  
16:27:51 Colleen Campbell, Western Native Voice  
16:28:09 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

16:29:28 Rep. Grubbs  
16:29:42 Rep. Bachmeier  
16:30:38 Rep. Fuller  
16:31:03 Jordan Thompson, CSKT  
16:31:43 Chair Berglee  
16:32:07 Rep. Bachmeier

16:32:31 Sam Forstag, MAS  
16:32:50 Chair Berglee  
16:32:57 Sam Forstag, MAS  
16:33:01 Chair Berglee  
16:33:04 Sam Forstag, MAS  
16:33:09 Chair Berglee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:33:20 Rep. Bachmeier  
  
16:36:00 Chair Berglee

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:36:11

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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