

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 5, 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. 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. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk  
Stephanie Morrison, 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 128, 1/31/2019; HB 186, 1/31/2019  
Executive Action: HB 315

**HEARING ON HB 186****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:06:19 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 186, Revise laws related to depression screening in public schools.

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:11:55 Jessica Reynolds, Montana Speech, Hearing and Language Association (MSHA), Association for the Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE), Montana Association of Christians

15:13:18 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Montana (NAMI-MT)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a05\)](#)

15:15:44 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO) Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

15:16:43 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

15:17:55 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

15:19:12 Jordan Thompson, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribe (CSKT)

15:19:52 Jess Hegstrom, Self

15:21:13 Jennifer Preble, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a07\)](#)

15:24:03 John Brewer, Shodair Children's Hospital

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a08\)](#)

15:26:37 Heather Zaluski, Shodair Children's Hospital

15:27:33 Sylvia Stellmacher, Self

15:28:52 Colleen Rahn, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Montana (NAMI-MT)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a09\)](#)

15:31:43 Isaac Nehring, Self

15:33:22 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:34:03 Rep. Joel Krautter, HD 35

15:37:13 Elizabeth Goldes, Self

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

15:40:08 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(aph23a10\)](#)

15:40:43 Holly Mook, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:41:36 Rep. E. Moore joined the meeting.

15:50:30 Susie Hedalen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:51:23 Rep. Mercer  
15:52:18 Rep. Dunwell  
15:53:02 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
15:54:55 Rep. Mercer  
15:55:33 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
15:56:07 Rep. Bedey  
15:56:37 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

**EXHIBIT(aph23a11)**

15:57:33 Rep. Bedey  
15:57:50 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
15:58:01 Rep. Caferro  
15:58:37 Rep. Dunwell  
15:59:50 Chair Glimm  
16:00:53 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
16:01:08 Rep. Bedey  
16:02:11 Suzie Hedalen, OPI  
16:06:25 Rep. Bedey  
16:07:04 Suzie Hedalen, OPI  
16:07:18 Rep. Jones joined the meeting.  
16:07:39 Rep. Hamlett  
16:08:01 Rep. Dunwell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:08:31 Rep. Dunwell

**HEARING ON HB 128****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:11:15 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 128, Revise funding provision for Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' retirement system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:13:35 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)  
16:14:38 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:16:33 Rep. E. Moore  
16:16:40 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:17:33 Rep. Custer

16:19:19 Chair Ballance  
16:20:10 Rep. Mercer  
16:20:32 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 315**

16:21:01 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 315 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:21:12 Rep. Keane

16:21:52 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that **HB 315 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 20-2 by voice vote with Rep. Hamlett and Rep. Windy Boy voting no.

16:22:36 Chair Ballance

**EXHIBIT(aph23a12)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:23:26

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Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph23aad.pdf](#))**