

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 6, 2019 at 3:00 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. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Greg DeVries (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)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (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 263, 2/6/2019; HB 298, 2/6/2019; HB 351, 2/6/2019

HEARING ON HB 298**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:31 Rep. Christopher Pope (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 298, Revise funding for students with disabilities.

EXHIBIT(edh24a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:50 Alyson Ball, Special Education Parent Teacher Association
15:09:53 Christy Sofianek, Director, MSU Life Scholars
15:10:23 Rep. Anderson entered the meeting.
15:14:40 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services
15:18:21 Mikaela Caracciolo, Self
15:20:02 Kathryn Lowe, Montana American Academy of Pediatrics (MTAAP)
15:22:48 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Project (MILP)
15:28:22 Walker Asserson, Down Syndrome Research Education Advocacy In Montana (DREAM)

EXHIBIT(edh24a02)

15:31:28 Linda Sherwood, Self
15:34:06 Phoebe Koch, Self
15:35:49 Rep. Anderson left the meeting.
15:36:09 Dale Lambert, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)
15:38:14 June Hermanson, Montana Association for Rehabilitation (MAR)
15:41:10 James Harvey, Self
15:43:56 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech Language Hearing Associations (MSHA),
Montana's Association for the Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

EXHIBIT(edh24a03)

15:44:31 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

EXHIBIT(edh24a04)

EXHIBIT(edh24a05)

15:47:14 Barbara Fitzpatrick, Circle of Parents

EXHIBIT(edh24a06)

15:51:40 Shawn Reagor, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

15:52:34 Jon Arnold, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
15:52:45 Frank Podobnik, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:53:07 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:53:09 Rep. Tschida left the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:53:26 Rep. Beard
15:54:03 Barbara Fitzpatrick
15:54:14 Vice Chair Vinton
15:54:52 Paul Taylor, OPI
15:56:11 Vice Chair Vinton
15:56:28 Paul Taylor, OPI
15:56:30 Vice Chair Vinton
15:57:05 Paul Taylor
15:57:43 Rep. Grubbs
15:58:28 Frank Podobnik, OPI
15:58:47 Rep. Grubbs
15:58:58 Frank Podobnik, OPI
15:59:08 Rep. Bishop
15:59:56 Frank Podobnik, OPI
16:01:15 Rep. Bishop
16:01:40 Frank Podobnik, OPI
16:02:32 Chair Berglee
16:03:27 Dale Lambert, GFPS
16:04:15 Rep. Beard
16:04:32 John Arnold, LFD
16:04:45 Rep. Beard
16:04:59 John Arnold, LFD
16:05:24 Rep. Funk
16:05:53 John Arnold, LFD
16:06:00 Rep. Funk
16:06:08 John Arnold, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

16:06:51 Rep. Pope

16:08:55 Chair Berglee

16:09:11 Recessed
16:11:59 Rep. Hertz entered the meeting.
16:19:15 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 351**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:19:34 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 351, Encourage transformational learning.

[EXHIBIT\(edh24a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:26:03 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
16:30:25 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana's Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

16:31:19 Sharyl Allen, Superintendent, Conrad Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh24a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh24a09\)](#)

16:39:15 Joe Steele, Superintendent, St. Regis School District

16:47:21 Jule Walker, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

16:48:00 Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

16:48:57 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

[EXHIBIT\(edh24a10\)](#)

16:55:51 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employe (MFPE)

16:56:07 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

16:56:21 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

16:56:43 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

16:56:59 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

16:57:20 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

16:34:30 Rep. G. Hertz left the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:57:48 Rep. Schreiner

16:58:17 Rep. McKamey

16:58:55 Lance Melton, MTSBA

17:01:47 Rep. Schreiner

17:02:25 Jule Walker, OPI

17:02:46 Rep. Fuller

17:03:05 Superintendent Allen, Conrad Public Schools

17:03:09 Rep. Fuller

17:03:16 Superintendent Allen, Conrad Public Schools

17:03:33 Rep. Funk

17:04:25 Superintendent Allen, Conrad Public Schools

17:05:28 Rep. Funk

17:05:42 Rep. Runningwolf

17:06:17 Kirk Miller, SAM

17:07:21 Rep. Runningwolf

17:07:43 Kirk Miller, SAM

17:08:24 Chair Berglee

17:09:05 Peter Donovan, BPE

Closing by Sponsor:

17:09:52 Rep. McKamey

17:12:00 Rep. McKamey left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

- 17:12:56 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 263, Revise laws related to Indian language immersion programs in schools.
- 17:13:23 Rep. Bishop left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 17:23:07 Sharyl Allen, Superintendent, Conrad Public Schools
- 17:24:46 Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
- 17:26:10 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
- 17:28:15 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

- 17:29:07 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 17:29:40 Rep. Funk
- 17:30:34 Paul Taylor, OPI
- 17:34:22 Vice Chair Vinton
- 17:34:48 Rep. Windy Boy
- 17:36:04 Chair Berglee
- 17:36:54 Rep. Windy Boy
- 17:37:34 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.
- 17:42:12 Chair Berglee

Closing by Sponsor:

- 17:42:20 Rep. Windy Boy
- 17:43:32 Rep. Bachmeier
- 17:43:50 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:44:07

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh24aad.pdf](#))