

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on February 8, 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. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
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 398, 2/8/2019  
Executive Action: HB 18, HB 153, HB 212, HB 354

**HEARING ON HB 398****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:25 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 398, Require mental health and suicide prevention training in teacher preparation.

15:03:00 Rep. Tschida entered the meeting.

15:03:06 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

15:03:31 Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:04:12 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:05:17 Dr. Gary Mihelish, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

15:08:50 Tiff Hanson, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

15:11:27 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO),  
Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

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

15:12:44 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education (BPE)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:13:04 Rep. Fuller

15:13:28 Peter Donovan, BPE

15:13:49 Rep. Keogh

15:14:36 Rep. Pierson

15:15:18 Rep. Keogh

15:15:46 Rep. Pierson

15:16:03 Rep. Vinton

15:16:30 Rep. Pierson

15:16:58 Rep. Vinton

15:17:18 Rep. Pierson

15:17:42 Rep. Tschida

15:18:07 Rep. Pierson

15:18:29 Rep. Tschida

15:19:07 Rep. Pierson

15:19:28 Rep. Bishop

15:20:17 Peter Donovan, BPE

15:22:16 Rep. Bishop

15:22:50 Peter Donovan, BPE

15:24:08 Rep. DeVries

15:24:23 Rep. Pierson

15:24:46 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

15:25:42 Chair Berglee

15:26:06 Rep. Pierson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:26:12 Rep. Pierson

15:27:18 Chair Berglee

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 18**

15:28:18 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 18 DO PASS.**

15:28:30 **Motion:** Rep. Morigeau moved that **HB 18 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(edh26a01)**

**Discussion:**

15:28:49 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:31:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. Hertz and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

15:31:54 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 18 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:32:07 Rep. Morigeau

15:34:23 Rep. Beard

15:34:28 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

15:35:35 **Motion:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 18.** Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 153**

15:36:09 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 153 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:36:26 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

15:36:52 Vice Chair Vinton

15:37:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212**

15:37:56 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 212 DO PASS.**

15:38:12 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 212 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(edh26a02)**

**Discussion:**

15:38:25 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

15:39:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. Hertz and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

15:39:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 212 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. Hertz and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 354**

15:40:23 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 354 DO PASS.**

15:40:30 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Funk made a substitute motion that **HB 354 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:41:06

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh26aad.pdf](#))