

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 11, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, 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. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (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 371, 2/11/2019; HB 387, 2/11/2019; SB 92, 2/11/2019

HEARING ON HB 371**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:46:25 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 371, Provide ongoing funding to the Montana Indian Language Preservation Program.

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a02\)](#)

14:49:02 Rep. Fuller entered the meeting.
14:50:18 Rep. Schreiner entered the meeting.
14:50:58 Rep. Karjala entered the meeting.
14:51:16 Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:56:21 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
14:59:55 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice (WNV)

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

15:02:19 Heather Sobrepena, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:02:55 Vice Chair Vinton
15:03:10 Heather Sobrepena, COM
15:03:18 Vice Chair Vinton
15:03:51 Heather Sobrepena, COM
15:04:29 Vice Chair Vinton
15:04:38 Heather Sobrepena COM

Closing by Sponsor:

15:05:01 Rep. Windy Boy

15:07:07 Recessed
15:10:27 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 92**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:10:32 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 92, Generally revise laws related to school safety.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:20 Gary Lusin, Bozeman School District

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a05\)](#)

15:18:29 Kris Kuehn, Superintendent, Malta School District
15:19:33 Sandra Wilson, Bozeman School District

15:20:57 Heide Arneson, Bozeman School District
15:22:34 Amanda Curtis, Butte Schools
15:25:41 Tom Billteen, Butte School District, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
15:28:31 Glen Southergill, Self
15:29:34 Darren Strauch, Superintendent, Monforton Elementary School
15:31:53 Lary Markuson, Superintendent, White Sulphur Springs School
15:32:35 Tim Johnson, Superintendent, Corvallis School District
15:35:49 Steve Johnson, Bozeman Public Schools
15:37:11 Rick Duncan, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
15:40:00 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
15:41:21 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
15:41:51 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:42:25 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:42:51 Vice Chair Funk
15:44:11 Tim Johnson, Corvallis School District
15:45:20 Rep. Karjala
15:45:59 Gary Lusin, Bozeman School District
15:47:13 Rep. Karjala
15:47:59 Sen. Salomon
15:48:33 Chair Berglee
15:48:46 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:49:47 Rep. McKamey
15:50:11 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:55:11 Rep. Fuller
15:55:48 Superintendent Johnson, Corvallis School District
15:56:32 Rep. Fuller
15:56:57 Superintendent Johnson, Corvallis School District
15:57:40 Rep. Keogh
15:58:35 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:00:31 Rep. Keogh

Closing by Sponsor:

16:00:55 Sen. Salomon

16:01:30 Chair Berglee
16:01:35 Sen. Salomon
16:03:15 Rep. Schreiner left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 387**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:02:21 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 387, Create advanced opportunity act for Montana students.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:08:15 Sharyl Allen, Superintendent, Conrad Public Schools
16:11:36 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE), Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
16:12:59 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COM)
16:15:54 Glen Southergill, Self
16:16:30 Mark Thane, Superintendent, Missoula Public Schools
16:19:08 Mark Taylor, Idaho Forest Group (IFG)
16:19:44 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education (BPE)
16:20:42 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors Association
16:21:26 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM), Montana Public Education Center (MTPEC)
16:24:29 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
16:26:04 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
16:26:43 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

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

16:30:24 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:30:55 Rep. Bachmeier
16:31:19 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:32:54 Rep. Beard
16:33:27 Kirk Miller, SAM
16:34:21 Rep. Bachmeier left the meeting.
16:34:44 Vice Chair Vinton
16:35:04 Rep. Jones
16:35:41 Rep. Karjala
16:36:30 Rep. Jones
16:38:14 Rep. Karjala
16:38:27 Rep. McKamey
16:38:49 Superintendent Allen, Conrad Public Schools
16:39:39 Rep. McKamey
16:40:01 Lance Melton, MTSBA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:41:24 Rep. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:46:25

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh28aad.pdf](#))