

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 13, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., 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. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Clerk
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 388, 2/13/2019; SB 50, 2/13/2019; SB 87, 2/13/2019

Executive Action: HB 41, HB 135, HB 211, HB 218, HB 263, HB 295, HB 254

15:07:00 Chair Berglee

HEARING ON SB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:06 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 87, Requiring the University System to report on student loans.

[EXHIBIT\(edh30a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh30a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:06 Rep. Beard
15:14:39 Sen. K. Regier
15:15:25 Rep. McKamey
15:16:00 Sen. K. Regier
15:16:21 Rep. Bachmeier
15:16:37 Sen. K. Regier
15:16:51 Rep. Bachmeier
15:16:53 Sen. K. Regier
15:17:58 Rep. Bachmeier
15:17:16 Sam Forstag, self
15:17:22 Rep. Bachmeier
15:17:54 Sam Forstag, self
15:18:21 Rep. DeVries
15:18:42 Sen. K. Regier
15:18:50 Rep. DeVries
15:19:00 Sen. K. Regier
15:19:08 Rep. DeVries
15:19:19 Sen. K. Regier
15:19:32 Rep. Keogh
15:21:43 Sen. K. Regier
15:22:47 Chair Berglee

Closing by Sponsor:

15:23:05 Sen. K. Regier

15:23:32 Chair Berglee
15:23:37 Sen. K. Regier
15:23:42 Chair Berglee

HEARING ON HB 388**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:24:12 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 388, Generally revise education laws related to students with exceptional needs.

EXHIBIT(edh30a03)**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:28:50 Craig Aasved, Shodair Children's Hospital

15:29:32 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA), School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

EXHIBIT(edh30a04)

15:32:06 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employee (MFPE)

15:32:34 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

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

15:33:38 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:34:00 Rep. Beard

15:34:47 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:35:01 Rep. Beard

15:35:14 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:35:35 Vice Chair Vinton

15:36:14 Dennis Parman, MREA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:21 Rep. Caferro

15:38:09 Recessed

15:38:35 Rep. Tschida entered the meeting.

15:46:03 Rep. Bachmeier left the meeting.

15:51:18 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 50**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:51:34 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 50, Revise administration of Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:52:46 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

EXHIBIT(edh30a05)

15:54:36 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:55:13 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:55:38 Sen. McClafferty

15:55:54 Chair Berglee

15:56:08 Recessed

16:30:34 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 41

16:30:40 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 41 DO PASS.**

Discussion

16:30:47 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:31:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. DeVries and Rep. Fuller voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 135

16:32:35 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 135 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:32:48 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

16:33:04 Rep. Tschida

16:33:42 Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.

16:33:57 Vice Chair Funk

16:34:30 Vice Chair Vinton

16:35:11 Rep. Grubbs

16:35:42 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

16:36:44 **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 135.** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 211

16:36:58 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 211 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:37:03 Chair Berglee

16:37:26 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 211 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh30a06)

Discussion:

16:37:35 Chair Berglee
16:39:10 Vice Chair Funk
16:39:33 Chair Berglee
16:39:50 Vice Chair Funk
16:39:57 Chair Berglee
16:40:04 Rep. Grubbs
16:40:10 Chair Berglee
16:40:20 Rep. Beard
16:40:40 Chair Berglee

16:40:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

16:41:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 211 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. DeVries voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 218

16:42:38 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 218 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:42:45 Vice Chair Vinton
16:44:02 Vice Chair Funk
16:45:15 Rep. Schreiner
16:45:55 Rep. Beard
16:47:13 Chair Berglee
16:48:46 Rep. Grubbs

16:49:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. DeVries, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 263

16:50:40 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 263 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:50:48 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

16:51:33 Rep. Runningwolf

16:53:20 Rep. Fuller

16:53:56 Chair Berglee

16:54:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

16:55:21 **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 263.** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 295

16:55:36 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 295 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:55:46 Rep. Anderson

16:58:05 Vice Chair Funk

16:58:55 Rep. Schreiner

17:00:41 Vice Chair Vinton

17:01:42 Rep. Schreiner

17:02:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 254

17:03:29 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 254 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:03:48 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

17:03:50 Chair Berglee

17:04:10 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

17:04:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Karjala voted by proxy.

17:05:40 **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 254.** Motion carried.

17:05:47 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:06:11

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh30aad.pdf](#))