

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 20, 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. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
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 420, 2/14/2019; HB 459, 2/15/2019; HB 466, 2/15/2019

Executive Action: HB 387

15:01:30 Chair Berglee
15:01:38 Rep. Fuller entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 466

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:06 Rep. Jade Bahr (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 466, Fund an Indian language and culture course through MT Digital Academy.

15:02:13 Rep. Tschida entered the meeting.
15:04:10 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:17 Susan Fenner, Western Native Voice
15:06:29 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
15:10:41 Rep. Bessette
15:11:33 Alex Gray, Self
15:13:01 Alina Espino, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
15:13:29 Duran Caferro, III, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
15:13:59 Anthony Espino, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
15:14:35 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:15:59 Jason Neiffer, Montana Digital Academy (MTDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:16:27 Rep. Fuller
15:16:49 Jason Neiffer, MTDA
15:16:58 Rep. Bachmeier
15:17:09 Rep. Bishop left the meeting.
15:17:23 Jason Neiffer, MTDA
15:17:30 Rep. Bachmeier
15:17:39 Jason Neiffer, MTDA
15:17:55 Rep. McKamey
15:18:20 Jason Neiffer, MTDA
15:19:07 Rep. McKamey
15:19:14 Jason Neiffer, MTDA
15:19:42 Rep. McKamey
15:19:51 Jason Neiffer, MTDA
15:20:12 Vice Chair Funk
15:20:39 Jason Neiffer, MTDA
15:20:55 Rep. Tschida
15:21:08 Vice Chair Vinton left the meeting.
15:21:12 Jordan Thompson, CSKT
15:21:42 Rep. Tschida
15:22:10 Jordan Thompson, CSKT

Closing by Sponsor:

15:22:56 Rep. Bahr

15:23:58 Chair Berglee

HEARING ON HB 420**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:24:51 Rep. Tyson Runningwolf (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 420, Encourage grow your own programs to address teacher shortage.

15:28:33 Rep. Grubbs entered the meeting.

15:29:15 Rep. Anderson entered the meeting.

15:30:02 Rep. Schreiner left the meeting.

15:31:16 Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:39 Angela McLean, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

15:35:00 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

15:36:26 Kirk Miller, School Administrations of Montana (SAM), Montana Public Education Center (MTPEC)

15:37:48 Vice Chair Vinton entered the meeting.

15:41:53 Sam Fortag, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

15:43:32 Dana Berwick, Bainville Public School

15:44:04 Corrina Guardipee-Hall, Superintendent, Browning Public Schools

15:47:11 Vicky Howard, Self

15:53:44 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

15:54:16 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:55:25 Rep. Fuller

15:55:57 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education (BPE)

15:56:10 Rep. Fuller

15:56:47 Peter Donovan, BPE

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:30 Rep. Runningwolf

16:00:01 Rep. Tschida

16:00:59 Chair Berglee

16:01:07 Recessed with Rep. Tschida, Rep. Anderson and Rep. Bachmeier excused.

16:08:34 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 459**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:08:57 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 459, Provide support for rural school recruitment and retention.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:12:20 EJ Redding, Bainville Public School

[EXHIBIT\(edh36a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh36a02\)](#)

16:15:47 Daniel Farr, North East Rural Schools (NERS)

[EXHIBIT\(edh36a03\)](#)

16:19:41 Dana Berwick, Bainville Public School

16:20:33 Rep. Bachmeier entered the meeting.

16:23:27 Sean Beddow, Superintendent Lambert Public Schools

16:28:02 Will Graveley, Avon School District

16:29:41 Tyler Traeger, Bainville Public School

16:29:43 Rep. Anderson entered the meeting.

16:32:24 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

16:32:45 Tera Laughlin, Elliston School

16:34:24 Rick Duncan, Superintendent, Powell County High School

16:36:21 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

16:37:29 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

16:38:53 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:40:17 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

16:40:32 Colet Bartow, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:41:02 Rep. McKamey

16:41:40 Daniel Farr, NERS

16:42:11 Rep. McKamey

16:42:23 Rep. Keogh

16:42:49 Colet Bartow, OPI

[EXHIBIT\(edh36a04\)](#)

16:45:43 Vice Chair Funk

16:46:26 EJ Redding, Bainville Public School

16:46:38 Vice Chair Funk

16:46:54 Paul Taylor, OPI

16:47:25 Vice Chair Funk

16:47:34 Chair Berglee

16:47:39 Paul Taylor, OPI

16:47:52 Vice Chair Funk

16:48:05 Rep. Bishop

16:49:07 Paul Taylor, OPI

16:50:46 Rep. Bishop
16:50:57 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:51:16 Rep. Bishop
16:51:39 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:52:02 Rep. McKamey
16:52:05 Chair Berglee
16:52:18 Rep. McKamey
16:52:30 Daniel Farr, NERS
16:54:31 Vice Chair Vinton
16:55:15 Dana Berwick, Bainville Public School
16:56:46 Vice Chair Funk
16:57:44 Paul Taylor, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

16:58:40 Rep. Beard

17:04:49 Rep. Schreiner entered the meeting.
17:06:41 Chair Berglee

17:06:57 Recessed
17:13:21 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 387

17:13:32 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 387 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:13:42 Rep. McKamey
17:14:07 Chair Berglee
17:14:19 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
17:14:45 Rep. Keogh
17:15:37 Chair Berglee

17:15:52 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 387 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh36a05)

Discussion:

17:16:07 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

17:18:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Tschida voted by proxy.

17:18:30 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 387 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:18:39 Vice Chair Funk

- 17:19:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. DeVries, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Funk and Rep. Schreiner voting no. Rep. Hertz and Rep. Tschida voted by proxy.
- 17:20:44 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:21:05

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh36aad.pdf](#))