

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Sue Vinton, on February 25, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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. Laurie Bishop (D)  
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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (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 541, 2/20/2019; HB 576, 2/20/2019; HB 601, 2/22/2019

15:25:44 Chair Vinton

### HEARING ON HB 541

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:26:22 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 541, Revise immunization notification requirements.

[EXHIBIT\(edh40a01\)](#)

#### Proponents' Testimony:

15:31:30 Aidan Myhre, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Phrazer, Montana Bioscience Alliance (MBA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:34:21 Vice Chair Funk

15:35:17 Rep. Kelker

15:36:03 Vice Chair Funk

15:36:20 Rep. Kelker

15:36:52 Rep. Beard

15:37:57 Aidan Myhre, GSK, Phrazer, Montana Bioscience Alliance

15:39:08 Chair Vinton

15:39:34 Rep. Kelker

15:40:10 Chair Vinton

#### Closing by Sponsor:

15:40:14 Rep. Kelker

15:40:51 Rep. Karjala entered the meeting.

### HEARING ON HB 576

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:41:34 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 576, Revise school finance laws related to gifts and endowments.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

15:43:35 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

#### Informational Testimony:

15:49:07 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:49:29 Rep. Karjala

15:49:48 Rep. Bedey  
15:50:07 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
15:51:07 Rep. Karjala  
15:51:16 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
15:51:53 Vice Chair Funk  
15:52:38 Kara Flath, OPI  
15:53:59 Chair Vinton  
15:54:17 Rep. Schreiner entered the meeting.  
15:54:28 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
15:56:29 Rep. McKamey  
15:56:56 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
15:57:17 Rep. McKamey  
15:57:24 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
15:57:40 Vice Chair Funk  
15:59:02 Rep. Bedey  
16:00:37 Rep. Karjala  
16:01:10 Kara Flath, OPI  
16:01:29 Rep. Karjala  
16:01:38 Kara Flath, OPI  
16:01:53 Rep. Karjala  
16:02:38 Rep. Bedey  
16:03:18 Rep. Karjala  
16:03:53 Rep. Bedey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:04:49 Rep. Bedey  
  
16:06:47 Rep. Beard left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 601**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:07:03 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 601, Transfer funds within OPI for school safety professional development grants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:08:46 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:09:44 Rep. Bishop  
16:10:12 Kara Flath, OPI  
16:10:42 Rep. Bishop  
16:10:53 Kara Flath, OPI  
16:11:18 Rep. Bishop  
16:11:39 Kara Flath, OPI  
16:12:08 Vice Chair Funk

16:12:49 Kara Flath, OPI  
16:13:03 Rep. Schreiner  
16:13:30 Kara Flath, OPI  
16:13:58 Rep. Schreiner  
16:14:20 Kara Flath, OPI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:14:53 Rep. Fuller  
  
16:16:11 Chair Vinton  
16:16:45 Vice Chair Funk  
16:17:10 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
16:17:25 Rep. Schreiner  
16:17:50 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD  
16:18:07 Rep. Schreiner  
16:18:23 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD  
16:18:53 Chair Vinton  
16:18:57 Rep. McKamey  
16:19:18 Chair Vinton

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:19:55

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh40aad.pdf](#))