

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm, on February 26, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 387, 2/25/2019; HB 616, 2/25/2019; HB 623, 2/25/2019
Executive Action: HB 623

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

15:16:03 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 387, Create advanced opportunity act for Montana students.

15:18:29 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:18:45 Lance Melton, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO), Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE), Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC), Montana Rural Education Association (MREA), Montana School Boards Association (MSBA), School Administrators of Montana (SAM), Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

15:20:52 Brenna Love, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)

15:22:17 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:23:00 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony:

15:25:36 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:01 Rep. Ryan

15:26:37 Rep. Jones

15:28:06 Rep. Dudik

15:29:45 Rep. Jones

15:30:26 Rep. E. Moore

15:30:52 Rep. Jones

15:32:40 Rep. Mercer

15:33:31 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:34:54 Rep. Mercer

15:35:17 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:35:23 Vice Chair Lynch joined the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

15:36:06 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 616**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:03 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 616, Provide renewable resource bonds and loans laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:40:43 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:41:09 Rep. Peppers

15:41:23 Rep. Hopkins

15:42:19 Rep. Dudik

15:42:35 Rep. Hopkins

15:44:03 Rep. Woods

15:44:25 Rep. Hopkins

Closing by Sponsor:

15:44:49 Rep. Hopkins

15:46:05 Recessed

15:46:48 Reconvened

15:46:56 Rep. Hamlett joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 623**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:47:10 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 623, Generally revise laws related to the historical society.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:30 EJ Redding, Self

15:55:53 Margaret Morgan, Montana History Center

15:59:25 Abigail St. Lawrence, Self

16:01:16 Jim McCormick, Self

16:02:20 Liane Taylor, Self

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16:03:24 Ralph Kuney, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:04:15 Bruce Wittenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

16:09:38 Ed Jasmin, Self

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

16:12:42 Rep. Burnett

16:13:11 Rep. Hamlett

16:13:47 Rep. Woods

16:14:21 Rep. Hamlett

16:14:35 Rep. Woods

16:15:17 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS

16:16:17 Rep. Bedey

16:18:17 Vice Chair Jones left the meeting.

16:20:27 Rep. Hamlett
16:20:58 Rep. Bedey
16:21:21 Rep. Caferro
16:24:02 Rep. Regier joined the meeting.
16:24:39 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS
16:24:56 Rep. Keane
16:25:07 Rep. Caferro left the meeting.
16:27:53 Rep. Hamlett
16:28:13 Rep. Mercer
16:29:22 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS
16:31:03 Chair Ballance
16:31:26 Rep. Hamlett
16:31:55 EJ Redding, Self
16:32:16 Rep. Burnett
16:32:40 Rep. Hamlett
16:32:45 Rep. E. Moore
16:34:56 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
16:35:37 Rep. E. Moore
16:36:18 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:36:41 Rep. E. Moore
16:37:54 Jim McCormick, Self
16:37:57 Rep. Burnett left the meeting.
16:38:08 Rep. Dudik
16:38:44 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS
16:39:29 Rep. Mercer
16:39:53 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS
16:40:25 Rep. Woods
16:41:15 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS
16:41:31 Rep. Windy Boy
16:42:28 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS
16:43:21 Chair Glimm
16:45:24 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:45:59 Rep. Hamlett

16:51:05 Recessed
17:07:07 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623

17:07:15 **Motion:** Rep. Ballance moved that **HB 623 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:07:25 Chair Ballance

17:08:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Peppers, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamlett and Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

17:09:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ballance moved that **HB 623 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamlett and Rep. Jones were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:10:36

Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

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