

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 7, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)  
Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. David Bedey (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk  
Joe Triem, 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 2: Sections B and E, 3/1/2019

10:04:28 Chair Ballance  
 10:08:25 Rep. Caferro  
 10:08:32 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.  
 10:08:38 Chair Ballance

### HB 2 Overview

#### Legislative Fiscal Division:

10:09:51 Amy Carlson, Director, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
 10:24:26 Rep. Windy Boy  
 10:26:30 Director Carlson, LFD  
 10:27:06 Chair Ballance  
 10:35:36 Director Carlson, LFD  
 10:37:16 Rep. Woods  
 10:37:23 Director Carlson, LFD  
 10:38:23 Rep. Burnett  
 10:38:43 Director Carlson, LFD

#### Office of Budget and Program Planning:

10:39:34 Tom Livers, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
 10:42:43 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting.  
 10:48:58 Vice Chair Jones  
 10:54:22 Director Livers, OBPP  
 10:54:43 Vice Chair Jones  
 10:54:50 Chair Ballance  
 10:55:30 Rep. Hamlett  
 10:55:47 Chair Ballance  
 10:56:21 Rep. Windy Boy  
 10:57:16 Chair Ballance

### Section B - Public Health and Human Services

#### Opening Statement:

10:58:09 Rep. E. Moore  
 11:12:52 Chair Ballance

#### Agency Comment:

11:13:12 Sheila Hogan, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
 11:28:28 Chair Ballance

#### Public Comment:

11:30:44 Megan Bailey, Self  
 11:34:59 Amy Tenney, Boyd Andrews Community Services

#### [EXHIBIT\(aph46a01\)](#)

11:36:56 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)

11:46:17 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

#### [EXHIBIT\(aph46a02\)](#)

#### [EXHIBIT\(aph46a03\)](#)

11:53:56 Mark Sanders, Self  
 11:56:03 Rep. Peppers joined the meeting.  
 11:56:36 Aimee Grmoljez, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana  
 11:59:01 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers of Montana (NASW-MT)  
 12:00:15 Morgan Smith, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
 12:00:59 June Guenzler Hermanson, Montana Association of Rehabilitation (MAR)  
 12:06:36 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health and Human Services Coalition  
 12:12:30 Julie Fleck, Sunburst Mental Health and Addiction Services  
 12:15:40 Tom Osborn, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)  
 12:17:27 Jackie Jones, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)  
 12:20:21 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)  
 12:25:49 Diana Tavary, Self  
 12:27:54 Joy Breslaury, National Federation of the Blind of Montana (NFB of MT)  
 12:32:45 Tamara Worlick, Self  
 12:34:31 Chair Ballance

12:35:11 Recessed  
 13:33:10 Reconvened

13:33:31 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a05\)](#)

13:45:36 Mitch Tropila, Easter Seals Goodwill

**Questions from the Committee and Responses:**

13:47:43 Vice Chair Jones  
 13:54:29 Rep. E. Moore  
 13:54:56 Rep. Bedey  
 13:58:59 Director Hogan, DPHHS  
 13:59:28 Rep. Hopkins  
 14:06:10 Director Hogan, DPHHS  
 14:07:12 Rep. Hopkins  
 14:07:44 Vice Chair Jones  
 14:12:34 Director Hogan, DPHHS  
 14:13:39 Rep. Burnett  
 14:14:48 Director Hogan, DPHHS  
 14:15:13 Rep. Dudik  
 14:18:12 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
 14:19:09 Chair Glimm  
 14:21:28 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
 14:21:42 Chair Ballance  
 14:25:33 Director Hogan, DPHHS  
 14:25:59 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
 14:26:35 Chair Ballance  
 14:28:13 Director Hogan, DPHHS  
 14:28:30 Rep. E. Moore  
 14:31:31 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
 14:32:31 Rep. Windy Boy  
 14:34:44 Director Hogan, DPHHS

14:35:26 Rep. Ryan  
14:38:26 Director Hogan, DPHHS  
14:38:37 Chair Ballance  
14:41:16 Josh Poulette, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
14:41:33 Rep. Mercer  
14:41:49 Chair Ballance  
14:42:03 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
14:42:17 Rep. Hamilton  
14:43:14 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
14:43:36 Rep. Woods  
14:44:33 Josh Poulette, LFD

**Closing of Section B:**

14:44:56 Rep. E. Moore  
  
14:45:41 Chair Ballance

**Section E - Education****Opening Statement:**

14:48:06 Rep. Jones  
14:50:04 Chair Ballance

**Office of Public Instruction:**

14:50:34 Rep. Jones  
14:55:57 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**[EXHIBIT\(aph46a06\)](#)****Board of Public Education:**

15:01:28 Rep. Jones  
15:03:10 Peter Donovan, Director, Board of Public Education (BOPE)

**Office of Commissioner of Higher Education:**

15:03:51 Rep. Jones  
15:12:30 Clayton Christian, Commissioner, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

**Montana School for the Deaf and Blind:**

15:18:14 Rep. Jones  
15:20:31 Donna Sorensen, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB)

**Montana Arts Council:**

15:23:43 Rep. Jones  
15:25:05 Tatiana Gant, Montana Arts Council (MAC)

**Montana State Library:**

15:25:38 Rep. Jones  
15:29:22 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library (MSL)

**Montana Historical Society:**

15:32:08 Rep. Jones  
 15:33:51 Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

**Public Comments:**

15:40:27 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
 15:42:10 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
 15:44:59 Mariah Welch, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)

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15:48:01 Taylor Blossom, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)  
 15:49:06 Brenna Love, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)  
 15:51:17 Daniel Parsons, Self  
 15:53:31 Ethan Hanley, Self  
 15:55:14 Brenna Davis, Self  
 15:56:16 Morgan Corkish, Self  
 15:58:14 Zack Clausen, Self  
 16:00:20 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students (MAS)  
 16:03:26 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Questions from the Committee and Responses:**

16:05:47 Rep. E. Moore  
 16:06:10 Superintendent Arntzen, OPI  
 16:06:28 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
 16:07:47 Rep. E. Moore  
 16:08:37 Paul Taylor, OPI  
 16:09:12 Rep. Hopkins  
 16:09:37 Paul Taylor, OPI  
 16:10:03 Rep. Hamilton  
 16:11:43 Superintendent Arntzen, OPI  
 16:12:17 Rep. Peppers  
 16:12:45 Paul Taylor, OPI  
 16:13:53 Rep. Woods  
 16:15:05 Paul Taylor, OPI  
 16:15:14 Rep. Holmlund  
 16:16:43 Paul Taylor, OPI  
 16:17:11 Rep. Hamlett  
 16:17:28 Paul Taylor, OPI  
 16:19:06 Rep. Windy Boy  
 16:19:20 Superintendent Arntzen, OPI  
 16:19:32 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
 16:19:50 Rep. Windy Boy  
 16:20:23 Ken Bailey, OPI  
 16:21:18 Rep. Keane  
 16:22:11 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
 16:22:27 Chair Ballance  
 16:22:53 Rep. Jones  
 16:23:27 Rep. Mercer  
 16:24:16 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
 16:25:46 Chair Ballance

16:26:14 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:28:04 Chair Ballance  
16:28:18 Rep. Woods  
16:29:54 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:30:20 Rep. Burnett  
16:34:30 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:35:00 Rep. Jones  
16:36:50 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:37:28 Chair Glimm  
16:39:32 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:39:37 Chair Ballance  
16:39:52 Chair Glimm  
16:40:50 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:41:48 Chair Glimm  
16:42:01 Rep. Windy Boy  
16:47:54 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:48:42 Rep. Hamlett  
16:51:41 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
16:52:58 Rep. Caferro  
16:55:08 Morgan Corkish, Self

**Closing of Section E:**

16:56:25 Rep. Jones  
  
16:57:19 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:57:56

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Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph46aad.pdf](#))**