

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 11, 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. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)

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: SB 8, 2/28/2019; SB 35, 2/28/2019; SB 164, 2/28/2019

15:01:25 Chair Berglee
15:01:51 Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:58 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 8, Generally revise laws related to participation in extracurricular activities.

15:05:34 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:31 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

15:11:13 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity-Montana (AFP), Montana's Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:12:38 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:57 Vice Chair Funk

15:13:45 Sen. K. Regier

15:14:04 Rep. Grubbs

15:14:19 Sen. K. Regier

15:14:48 Rep. McKamey

15:15:06 Sen. K. Regier

15:15:39 Lance Melton, MTSBA

15:16:28 Rep. Bachmeier

Closing by Sponsor:

15:17:17 Sen. K. Regier

15:18:11 Chair Berglee

15:18:20 Sen. K. Regier

15:18:25 Chair Berglee

HEARING ON SB 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:19:00 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 35, Generally revise school safety laws.

[EXHIBIT\(edh49a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:46 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA), School Administrators of Montana (SAM), Montana's Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE), Montana Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)
15:28:19 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
15:29:34 Tom Billteen, Youth Court Director, Montana Supreme Court

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

15:31:55 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:32:13 Rep. Beard
15:33:03 Jason Rittal, MACo
15:33:26 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:34:05 Rep. Beard
15:34:19 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:34:52 Rep. Anderson
15:35:26 Sen. Thomas
15:35:33 Rep. Anderson
15:35:40 Sen. Thomas
15:36:14 Rep. Karjala
15:38:35 Sen. Thomas
15:39:07 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:40:43 Rep. Karjala
15:41:22 Sen. Thomas
15:41:30 Rep. Karjala
15:41:37 Sen. Thomas
15:42:47 Rep. Bishop
15:43:51 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:45:32 Rep. Bishop
15:46:11 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:47:57 Rep. Beard
15:48:27 Sen. Thomas
15:48:54 Vice Chair Vinton
15:49:43 Lance Melton, MTSBA
15:51:18 Vice Chair Vinton
15:51:38 Lance Melton, MTSBA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:52:23 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 164**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:54:14 Sen. Thomas Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 164,
Generally revise school safety laws.

[EXHIBIT\(edh49a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh49a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh49a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:03:38 Robert Moore, Superintendent, Stevensville Public Schools

16:05:10 Rep. McKamey and Rep. Tschida left the meeting.

16:10:09 Jessica Shourd, Stevensville Public Schools

16:18:16 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:22:46 Richard Hennequin, Central Valley Fire District

[EXHIBIT\(edh49a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:30:46 Rep. Fuller

16:31:10 Sen. Thomas

16:32:05 Chair Berglee

16:32:25 Jessica Shourd, Stevensville Public Schools

16:32:55 Chair Berglee

16:33:02 Rep. Fuller

16:33:14 Rep. Schreiner

16:33:42 Richard Hennequin, Central Valley Fire District

16:34:56 Rep. Schreiner

16:35:25 Sen. Thomas

16:36:05 Rep. Schreiner

16:36:13 Sen. Thomas

16:36:17 Rep. Schreiner

16:36:59 Sen. Thomas

16:38:44 Rep. Schreiner

16:39:06 Moore, Superintendent, Stevensville Public Schools

Closing by Sponsor:

16:40:16 Sen. Thomas

16:43:00 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:43:15

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh49aad.pdf](#))