

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on March 15, 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. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (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: SB 292, 3/13/2019; SB 139, 3/13/2019

**HEARING ON SB 292****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:07 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 292, Revise laws related to financial administration of school districts.

15:04:14 Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:04:45 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:05:03 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

15:05:46 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

15:06:22 Rep. Anderson entered the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:06:49 Sen. R. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 139****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:07:21 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 139, Revise retiree return to work provisions in teachers' retirement system.

15:07:40 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:10:43 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh53a01\)](#)

15:17:28 Rep. Tschida entered the meeting.

15:18:14 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public Schools

15:19:43 Sean Beddow, Superintendent, Lambert Public Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:21:57 Denise Pizzini, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(edh53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh53a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh53a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh53a05\)](#)

15:32:31 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employee (MFPE)

[EXHIBIT\(edh53a06\)](#)

15:38:56 Rep. Beard left the meeting.  
15:49:37 Charlene Suckow, Montana American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)  
15:51:20 Marilyn Hamer, Montana Retired Educators

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:53:03 Rep. Fuller  
15:54:07 Dennis Parman, MREA  
15:55:12 Chair Berglee  
15:56:01 Diane Fladmo  
15:56:36 Vice Chair Funk  
15:57:56 Sen. Lang  
16:01:05 Vice Chair Funk  
16:01:43 Sen. Lang  
16:02:12 Vice Chair Vinton  
16:03:08 Sean Beddow, Superintendent, Lambert Public Schools

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:03:54 Sen. Lang  
  
16:06:05 Chair Berglee

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:06:22

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh53aad.pdf](#))