

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 20, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
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 140, 3/11/2019; SB 197, 3/13/2019; HB 643, 3/13/2019

14:20:01 Chair Berglee

HEARING ON HB 643

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:32:18 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 643, Extend state lands reimbursement block grant for schools.

14:32:48 Rep. Bachmeier entered the meeting.

14:35:30 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:37:37 Tara Thomas, Superintendent, Scobey Public Schools

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14:43:50 Vice Chair Funk entered the meeting.

14:44:19 Daniel Farr, North East Rural Schools (NERS)

14:45:58 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

14:47:37 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA), Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC), Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

14:48:17 Rick Duncan, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

14:49:02 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

14:49:33 Sen. Lang

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

14:50:05 Bob Story, Montana Tax Payers Association (MTA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:53:55 Rep. Keogh

14:54:25 Bob Story, MTA

Closing by Sponsor:

14:54:55 Rep. R. Knudsen

HEARING ON SB 197

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:56:15 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 197, Generally revise education laws related to Montana youth challenge academy.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:57:54 Trent Gibson, Montana Youth Challenge Academy (MYC)

14:59:52 Rep. Welch

15:01:47 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:02:28 Jan Rouse, Self

15:03:56 Susie Hedalen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:07:23 Vice Chair Vinton
15:07:49 Sen. Welborn
15:07:57 Vice Chair Vinton
15:08:12 Sen. Welborn
15:08:28 Trent Gibson, MYC
15:08:59 Rep. Beard
15:09:30 Jan Rouse, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

15:10:34 Sen. Welborn

15:11:17 Chair Berglee

HEARING ON SB 140

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:16:30 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 140, Establish the Montana dyslexia screening and intervention act.

15:23:28 Chair Berglee

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:54 Sen. McClafferty
15:24:36 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:25:57 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
15:27:14 Esme Bartuska, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a02\)](#)

15:30:09 Jory Allen, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh57a03\)](#)

15:39:09 Jack Heicher, Self
15:41:21 January Heicher, Self
15:45:52 Jackson Heicher, Self
15:46:21 Lily Ascheman, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
15:48:20 Jennifer Smith, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
15:50:28 Abby Harnett, Self
15:56:29 Callie McGillis, Self
15:59:10 Olivia Fortun, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
15:59:54 Hannah Thompson, Self
16:03:10 Shelly Schuett, Self
16:07:00 Rep. Beard left the meeting.
16:10:47 Olive Hawley, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
16:12:54 Shane Leland, Self

16:17:41 Erika Burleigh, Self
16:19:14 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth-Montana (SCL), Providence
Health and Services Montana
16:20:18 Terra Bethjochems, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
16:26:52 Katie Heitzman, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
16:28:49 Kris Maas, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
16:31:09 Kelly Fedge-DuBose, Founder, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)

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16:37:50 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
16:39:24 Meghan Ascheman, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
16:41:12 Kimberly Hawley, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
16:43:53 Janeen Leonardson, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)
16:44:55 Eue Franklin, Montana Optometric Association, Montana's Association for Gifted
and Talented Education (AGATE), Montana Speech Language Hearing
Association (MSHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:46:34 Marla Swanby, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
16:46:56 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:47:19 Vice Chair Funk
16:47:59 Jory Allen, Self
16:48:20 Marla Swanby, OPI
16:48:54 Vice Chair Funk
16:49:20 Marla Swanby, OPI
16:50:06 Chair Berglee
16:50:15 Rep. Bishop
16:50:20 Sen. C. Smith
16:51:11 Rep. Bishop
16:52:36 Marla Swanby, OPI
16:53:44 Rep. Bishop
16:54:19 Marla Swanby, OPI
16:55:21 Rep. Bishop
16:55:44 Marla Swanby, OPI
16:56:17 Rep. Keogh
16:57:31 Marla Swanby, OPI
16:57:54 Rep. Keogh
16:58:25 Chair Berglee
16:58:56 Kris Maas, Decoding Dyslexia Montana (DD-MT)

Closing by Sponsor:

16:59:53 Sen. C. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:08:00

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh57aad.pdf](#))