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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 27, 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. Jessica Karjala (D)
    Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
    Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
    Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
    Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
                      Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
                      Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
                      Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
                      Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Clerk
                  Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:	HB 754, 3/25/2019; HB 755, 3/25/2019; HB 759, 3/25/2019; HB 774, 3/26/2019
Executive Action:	HB 225, HB 371, HB 648, HB 667, HB 754, HB 755, HB 759, HB 774

15:16:44   Chair Berglee

HEARING ON HB 759

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:17:05   Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 759, Provide
              for digital literacy and computer science coordinator.

15:16:40   Rep. Bachmeier left the meeting.
15:18:12   Rep. Anderson entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:
15:18:32   Siri Smillie, Governor's Office
EXHIBIT(edh63a01)

15:21:26   Buffy Smith, Self
15:24:14   Matt Van Syckle, Department of Administration (DOA)
15:25:21   Rep. Tschida entered the meeting.
15:25:34   Nik Griffith, Microsoft
15:27:49   Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:
15:29:00   Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:29:21   Jessica Bryant, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:29:45   Rep. Beard
15:30:17   Buffy Smith, Self
15:31:01   Vice Chair Funk
15:31:51   Jessica Bryant, OPI
15:32:49   Chair Berglee
15:33:14   Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

Closing by Sponsor:
15:33:49   Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

HEARING ON HB 755

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:34:46   Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB755,
              Generally revise pre-kindergarten laws.
EXHIBIT(edh63a02)

Proponents' Testimony:
15:40:38   Siri Smillie, Governor's Office
15:43:56   Grace Decker, Zero to Five Missoula

15:45:52   Kelly Rosenleaf, Child Care Resources (CCR)
EXHIBIT(edh63a03)

15:49:37   Lisa Richidt, Self
15:52:45   Dana Lozier, Montana Association for the Education of Young Children (MTAEYC)
15:55:03   Tasha Vannice, ABC Academy
15:57:07   Sam Orr, Self
15:58:36   Darlene Jatkowski, Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC), Head Start
16:04:14   Chair Berglee
16:04:27   Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)
16:08:07   Susie Orr, Self
16:10:38   Cynthia Wolken, Self
16:11:35   Sen. McConnell
16:13:03   Rep. Grubbs entered the meeting.
16:13:39   Kristin Tessman, American Jobs for America's Youth-Montana
16:14:51   Brenda Hergott, Self
16:15:29   Mike Halligan, Washington Companies

Opponents' Testimony:
16:17:38   Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM), Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)
16:22:48   Rep. Bachmeier entered the meeting.
16:26:03   Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
16:37:56   Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education (BPE)
16:39:30   Eric Feaver, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
EXHIBIT(edh63a04)

16:40:05   Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.
16:46:28   Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
16:48:29   Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
EXHIBIT(edh63a05)

16:50:35   Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial (AFL-CIO)

Informational Testimony:
16:50:57   Zak Reimer, Center for Children, Families and Workforce Development (CCFWD)
EXHIBIT(edh63a06)

16:51:39   Nick Vanbrown, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
16:51:54   Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
16:52:19   Rep. Karjala
16:54:00   Zach Reimer, CCFWD
16:54:04   Rep. Karjala
16:54:30   Zach Reimer, CCFWD
16:54:55   Rep. Karjala

16:55:38	Rep. E. Moore
16:57:09	Rep. Karjala
16:57:25	Rep. E. Moore
16:57:55	Rep. Tschida
16:59:00	Kirk Miller, SAM
16:59:28	Rep. Tschida
17:00:42	Kirk Miller, SAM
17:02:13	Rep. Tschida
17:02:48	Rep. Bishop
17:03:30	Kelly Rosenleaf, CCR
17:05:42	Rep. Bishop
17:06:22	Siri Smillie, Governor's Office
17:07:33	Rep. Schreiner
17:08:05	Siri Smillie, Governor's Office
17:08:18	Rep. Schreiner
17:08:30	Siri Smillie, Governor's Office
17:08:37	Rep. Schreiner
17:09:22	Superintendent Lacey, GFPS
17:10:14	Rep. Schreiner
17:10:19	Superintendent Lacey, GFPS
17:10:47	Chair Berglee
17:11:34	Rep. E. Moore
17:12:22	Vice Chair Funk
17:13:19	Rep. E. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:
17:15:41	Rep. E. Moore

17:22:31	Recessed.
17:31:29	Reconvened with Rep. Tschida and Rep. Bachmeier excused.

HEARING ON HB 754

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
17:31:39	Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 754, Create study commission to review MUS restructuring.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
17:36:11	Rep. Karjala
17:36:28	Rep. Vinton
17:36:34	Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:
17:36:40   Rep. Vinton

17:36:59   Rep. Bachmeier entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 774

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
17:37:20   Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 774, Create computer coding student employment pilot program.

Proponents' Testimony:
17:38:58   Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness-Montana (NAMI)
17:40:16   Rep. Tschida entered the meeting.
17:43:57   Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
17:46:27   Rep. Bishop
17:47:18   Rep. Windy Boy
17:49:07   Vice Chair Vinton
17:49:38   Rep. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:
17:50:17   Rep. Windy Boy

17:50:34   Chair Berglee
17:51:15   Recessed.
18:18:55   Reconvened with Rep. DeVries excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 225

18:19:13   **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 225 DO PASS**.

18:19:21   **Motion:** Rep. Schreiner moved that **HB 225 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(edh63a07)

Discussion:
18:19:36   Rep. Schreiner

18:20:00   **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

18:20:57   Rep. Schreiner

18:21:12   **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vinton made a substitute motion that **HB 225 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting no. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 371

18:22:27   **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 371 DO PASS**.

Discussion:
18:22:38   Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

18:23:00   **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

18:23:53   **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 371.** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 648

18:24:20   **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 648 DO PASS**.

Discussion:
18:24:30   Rep. Keogh
18:24:52   Rep. McKamey
18:25:16   Vice Chair Funk

18:25:56   **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

18:26:48   **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 648.** Motion carried.

18:27:04   Chair Berglee

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 667

18:27:30 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 667 DO PASS**.

Discussion:
18:27:37 Rep. Bachmeier

18:28:34 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

18:29:28 **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 667.** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 754

18:29:50 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 754 DO PASS**.

Discussion:
18:30:00 Vice Chair Vinton
18:30:22 Rep. Keogh
18:30:34 Chair Berglee
18:31:00 Rep. Bachmeier

18:32:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voting no. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 759

18:32:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 759 DO PASS**. Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting aye. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

18:34:03 **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Vinton moved to **TABLE HB 759.** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 774

18:34:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 774 DO PASS**. Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Beard, Rep. Berglee, Rep. DeVries, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

18:35:42 Rep. Keogh
18:35:51 Chair Berglee

<u>EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 755</u>

18:36:04   **<u>Motion:</u>** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 755 DO PASS**.

18:36:15   **<u>Substitute Motion/Vote:</u>** Rep. Funk made a substitute motion that **HB 755 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Karjala, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Schreiner voting no. Rep. DeVries and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:38:06

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh63aad.pdf](edh63aad.pdf))