

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on January 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Clerk
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Ashley Duncan, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Michael Rothrock, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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:

Organizational Meeting
Hearing & Date Posted: HB 16, 1/4/2021

Organizational Meeting

15:09:36 Rep. Berglee
15:11:24 Vice Chair Anderson
15:12:07 Vice Chair Funk
15:12:44 Rep. McKamey
15:13:34 Rep. Thane
15:13:56 Rep. Novak
15:14:12 Chair Berglee
15:14:16 Rep. Novak
15:15:09 Rep. Reksten
15:16:56 Rep. Bertoglio
15:17:37 Rep. Running Wolf
15:18:38 Rep. Hawk
15:19:30 Rep. Bishop
15:20:53 Rep. Vinton
15:21:49 Rep. Mitchell
15:22:15 Rep. Kerns
15:22:54 Rep. Ler
15:23:33 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
15:25:00 Rep. Beard
15:27:29 Chair Berglee
15:28:16 Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Clerk
15:29:25 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:30:42 Michael Rothrock, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
15:31:10 Ashley Duncan, Remote meeting Coordinator (RMC)
15:31:25 Chair Berglee

EXHIBIT(edh03a01)

15:34:48 **MOTION:** Chair Berglee made a **MOTION THAT EDUCATION COMMITTEE ADOPT THE RULES AND PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD ALLOW PROXIES.**

15:35:26 **VOTE:** **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

15:35:41 Chair Berglee
15:36:10 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:39:10 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:39:41 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:40:05 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI
15:40:43 Rep. Funk
15:41:29 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI
15:43:51 Jenifer Cline, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:44:21 Chair Berglee

HEARING ON HB 16**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:45:30 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB16, Allow 3- and 4-year-olds with disabilities in ANB calculations.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:48:35 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)
15:50:25 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
15:51:33 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
15:52:41 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:56:30 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:57:23 Rep. Kerns
15:58:18 Chair Berglee
15:58:36 Rep. Kerns
15:58:59 Rep. Anderson
15:59:56 Rep. Kerns
16:00:38 Rep. Anderson
16:00:55 Chair Berglee
16:02:05 Rep. McKamey
16:02:49 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:03:22 Chair Berglee

Closing by Sponsor:

16:03:57 Rep. Fred Anderson

16:04:30 Chair Berglee
16:04:38 Abigail St Lawrence, Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE);
Montana Speech- Language- Hearing Association (MSHA)

Committee Business:

16:06:11 Chair Berglee
16:07:31 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:08:09 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:08:38

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh03aad.pdf](#))