

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on January 18, 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. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Ashley Duncan, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 89, 1/12/2021
Executive Action: HB 26; HB 32

HEARING ON HB 89**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:05 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 89, Revise transformational learning program.

15:02:18 Rep. Reksten joined meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:53 Brian Thompson, Montana Chamber of Commerce; Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

15:08:15 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

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15:09:46 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:11:19 Sharyl Allen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:14:03 McCall Flynn, Board of Public Education (BPE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:55 Rep. Vinton
15:15:52 Sharyl Allen, OPI
15:16:24 Rep. Kerns
15:17:25 Rep. McKamey
15:18:09 Sharyl Allen, OPI
15:19:00 Rep. Novak
15:19:26 Sharyl Allen, OPI
15:19:48 Rep. Bishop joined the meeting.
15:20:54 Rep. Reksten
15:21:20 Rep. McKamey
15:22:49 Rep. Reksten
15:22:58 Rep. McKamey
15:23:55 Rep. Reksten
15:24:12 Rep. McKamey
15:24:47 Rep. Funk
15:25:51 Rep. McKamey
15:27:11 Chair Berglee
15:27:17 Rep. McKamey
15:27:27 Sharyl Allen, OPI
15:28:43 Rep. Funk
15:29:10 Rep. McKamey
15:29:27 Rep. Bishop
15:29:52 Rep. McKamey
15:31:37 Chair Berglee
15:31:44 Rep. Bishop
15:31:56 Chair Berglee

15:32:11 Sharyl Allen, OPI
15:33:51 Rep. McKamey
15:36:00 Rep. Reksten
15:36:30 Sharyl Allen, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:29 Rep. McKamey

15:38:09 Recessed

15:42:18 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 26

15:42:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 26 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 32

15:43:41 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 32 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:43:51 Rep. Vinton

15:44:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

15:44:43 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:45:16

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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