

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on January 20, 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. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Jesse Tack, Remote meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 15, 1/14/2021; HB 46, 1/14/2021; HB 69, 1/14/2021
Executive Action: HB 15; HB 46

HEARING ON HB 15**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:21 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 15, Implement K-12 Inflation.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:48 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA); Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

15:06:31 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:07:46 Nancy Hall, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

15:08:44 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:09:57 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:10:34 Rep. Anderson

15:11:16 Rep. Kerns left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 46**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:11:30 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 46, Revise special education funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:15:47 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:17:16 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA); Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:18:27 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:04 Rep. Bedey

15:20:50 Chair Berglee

15:21:02 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 69**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:22:38 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 69, Eliminate reduced-price co-pays for school meals.

15:24:08 Rep. Kerns rejoined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:29 Sabrina Rubrich, self

15:32:44 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA); Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

15:33:55 Jana Graham, self

15:36:05 Superintendent Tobin Novasio, Lockwood School District

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a02\)](#)

15:39:00 Louise Chandler, Montana School Nutrition Association (MTSNA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh13a03\)](#)

15:40:38 Elisha Buchholz, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN)

15:43:39 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA); Urban Indian Centers of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:45:15 Linda Cleatus, Montana No kid Hungry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:11 Rep. Mitchell

15:47:03 Rep. McKamey

15:48:10 Rep. Ler

15:48:31 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

15:48:45 Rep. McKamey

Committee Business:

15:53:02 Chair Berglee

15:53:22 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:53:37 Chair Berglee

15:54:31 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

15:56:26 Chair Berglee

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15

15:56:45 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 15 DO PASS.**

15:57:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 15 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reksten and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(edh13a04)

15:57:56 Without Objection, Vice Chair Anderson moved to **TABLE HB 46 AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:58:18 Rep. Funk

15:58:24 Chair Berglee

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 46

15:58:44 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 46 DO PASS.**

15:58:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 46 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reksten and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(edh13a05)

15:59:26 Without Objection, Vice Chair Anderson moved to **TABLE HB 46 AS AMENDED.**

Committee Business:

15:59:40 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:00:00

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh13aad.pdf](#))