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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair David Bedey, on January 25, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. David Bedey, Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary
Katie Guenther, Legislative Branch
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meetings 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:

Commissioner of Higher Education Hearing

09:02:02 Chair Bedey

COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION HEARING

09:02:17 Commissioner Clayton Christian, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

09:03:08 Angela McLean, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Tribal College Assistance Program Budget Analysis:

09:07:40 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
See exhibit 1 in Jan 20, 2021 minutes

09:10:40 Rep. Windy Boy

09:11:25 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:11:50 Commissioner Christian, OCHE

09:13:52 Rep. Windy Boy

09:14:59 Commissioner Christian, OCHE

09:15:30 Rep. Fuller

09:16:46 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

09:17:32 Rep. Windy Boy

09:18:22 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

09:18:48 Rep. Windy Boy

09:20:20 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:23:29 Rep. Windy Boy

09:24:50 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:25:07 Rep. Windy Boy

09:26:22 Chair Bedey

09:27:34 Katie Guenther, LFD

Tribal College Presidents' Presentations:

09:28:26 President Karla Bird, Blackfeet Community College (BCC)

09:31:09 President Haven Gourneau, Fort Peak Community College (FPCC)

09:33:26 President Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College (SKC)

09:40:50 President Sean Chandler, Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC)

09:43:18 Kim Barrows, Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC)

Committee Questions and Responses:

09:49:28 Rep. Windy Boy

10:04:43 Sen. Morigeau

10:06:35 Carrie Schmuacher, Fort Peak Community College (FPCC)

10:09:03 President Sean Chandler, ANC

10:10:37 President Sandra Boham, SKC

10:15:45 President Haven Gourneau, FPCC

10:18:14 Angela McLean, OCHE

10:22:44 President Karla Bird, BCC

10:25:43 Sen. Morigeau

10:27:06 Rep. Windy Boy

10:30:51 Rep. Keogh

10:31:58 Kim Barrows, Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC)

10:37:37 Commissioner Christian, OCHE

10:42:13 Sen. Morigeau
 10:44:13 Chair Bedey
 10:45:11 President Sandra Boham, SKC
 10:47:01 Chair Bedey

Research and Development Agencies Budget Analysis:

10:49:34 Katie Guenther, LFD
See exhibit 1 in Jan 20, 2021 minutes

Commissioner of Higher Education Presentations:

10:59:18 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
 11:02:17 Cody Stone, Montana State University Extension
 11:06:55 Dean Sreekala Bajwa, College of Agriculture, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES)
 11:11:37 John Culbertson, Montana Fire Services Training School (FSTS)
 11:14:56 Dean Alan Townsend, Franke College of Forestry and Conservation
 11:20:20 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

Committee Questions and Responses:

11:25:42 Chair Bedey
 11:26:35 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
 11:26:46 Rep. Windy Boy
 11:33:17 Vice Chair Salomon
 11:35:01 Katie Guenther, LFD
 11:35:22 Vice Chair Salomon
 11:36:47 Dean Sreekala Bajwa, MAES

Public Comment:

11:38:48 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA), Office of Research and Economic Development (SWRC), Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)
 11:42:00 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 11:43:29 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 11:46:07 Dave Kelsey, self

[EXHIBIT\(jeh16a01\)](#)

11:51:01 Mitch Konen, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)
 11:54:06 Alan Maki, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh16a02\)](#)

11:58:51 Bill Perrin, Montana Fire Services Training School (FSTS)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh16a03\)](#)

12:03:34 Matt Flikkema, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh16a04\)](#)

12:05:49 Chair Bedey
 12:07:45 Rep. Windy Boy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
12:11:21

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jeh16aad.pdf](#))