

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Holmlund, on February 2, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 15, 2/1/2021; HB 143, 2/1/2021
Executive Action on: HB 143, HB 15

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

14:26:58 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 15, Implement K-12 Inflation.

Proponents:

14:28:33 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
14:30:45 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
14:31:27 Chair Holmlund

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:31:47 Rep. Keane
14:32:08 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.
14:32:36 Superintendent Arntzen, OPI
14:32:48 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
14:33:45 Rep. Keane
14:33:59 Paul Taylor, OPI
14:35:24 Chair Holmlund
14:35:26 Rep. Windy Boy
14:36:14 Rep. Anderson
14:36:36 Paul Taylor, OPI
14:37:42 Chair Holmlund
14:37:48 Rep. Windy Boy
14:39:21 Paul Taylor, OP
14:39:55 Chair Holmlund
14:39:58 Rep. Jones
14:44:01 Chair Holmlund
14:44:07 Rep. Hamilton
14:44:59 Rep. Anderson
14:45:06 Rep. Jones
14:47:03 Rep. Hamilton
14:47:08 Chair Holmlund
14:47:12 Rep. Garner
14:47:30 Chair Holmlund
14:47:33 Rep. Jones
14:47:58 Chair Holmlund
14:48:03 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
14:48:36 Lance Melton, MTSBA
14:50:11 Chair Holmlund
14:50:20 Rep. Moore
14:51:04 Rep. Jones
14:53:09 Chair Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

14:53:38 Rep. Anderson

HEARING ON HB 143**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:54:49 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB143, Provide incentives for increasing starting teacher pay.

Proponents:

14:56:31 Glenn Oppel, Governor's office (GOV)
14:57:11 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
14:59:04 Chair Holmlund
14:59:29 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

15:01:13 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:01:42 Rep. Tschida
15:03:44 Chair Holmlund
15:03:49 Vice Chair Regier left the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

15:04:01 Rep. Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 143

15:06:43 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that **HB 143 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:07:22 Rep. Windy Boy
15:08:02 Rep. Nave
15:09:33 Rep. Jones
15:10:03 Rep. Nave

15:10:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

15:10:03 Rep. Nave

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15

15:11:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jones moved that **HB 15 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:12:52

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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