

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 3, 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. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)

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 185, 1/29/2021; HB 186, 1/29/2021; SB 23, 1/29/2021; SB 24, 1/29/2021; SB 25, 1/29/2021
Executive Action: HB 25, HB 67, HB 89, SB 23, SB 24, SB 25

HEARING ON HB 185

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:02 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 185, Revise laws related to basic instructional program in high schools.

15:03:13 Rep. Ler joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:03:55 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA); Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

15:07:05 McCall Flynn, Board of Public Education (BOPE)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:57 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office (GO)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:54 Rep. Hawk
15:11:04 Chair Berglee
15:11:11 Rep. Funk
15:12:09 Glenn Oppel, GO
15:12:19 Rep. McKamey
15:13:42 Glenn Oppel, GO
15:14:07 Rep. McKamey
15:14:42 Emily Dean, MSBA, MT-PEC
15:15:31 Rep. Thane
15:16:40 Emily Dean, MSBA, MT-PEC
15:16:57 Rep. Thane
15:17:22 Emily Dean, MSBA, MT-PEC
15:17:45 Rep. Bishop
15:18:27 Glenn Oppel, GO
15:18:48 Rep. Reksten
15:19:32 Glenn Oppel, GO
15:19:52 Rep. Reksten
15:20:03 Glenn Oppel, GO
15:20:27 Rep. Reksten
15:20:47 Chair Berglee
15:21:28 Emily Dean, MSBA, MT-PEC

Closing by Sponsor:

15:22:25 Rep. Kerns

HEARING ON HB 186**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:38 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 186, Generally revise laws related to teacher certification.

EXHIBIT(edh23a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:27:44 McCall Flynn, Board of Public Education (BOPE)

15:32:05 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC); Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

15:34:54 Rep. McKamey left the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:39:40 Rep. Vinton

15:40:26 McCall Flynn, BOPE

15:40:54 Rep. Ler

15:41:32 McCall Flynn, BOPE

15:41:42 Rep. Ler

15:41:45 McCall Flynn, BOPE

Closing by Sponsor:

15:42:30 Rep. Kerns

HEARING ON SB 23**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:44:42 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 23, Eliminate state school flexibility account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:45:54 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

15:46:59 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)

15:47:39 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

15:49:03 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:50:14 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:50:42 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:51:05 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 24, Allow nonoperating school districts to retain oil and gas revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:05 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

15:55:12 Jane Hamman, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:56:04 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:56:31 Rep. Reksten

15:57:06 Paul Taylor, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

15:58:29 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:58:58 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 25, Revise duties of Education Interim Committee regarding MUS.

16:00:55 Rep. McKamey joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:01:32 Tyler Trevor, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:02:27 Sen. Salomon

16:03:07 Recessed

16:20:22 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 25

16:20:54 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 25 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:21:01 Rep. Beard

16:21:20 Rep. Funk

16:22:19 Rep. Beard

16:22:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 67

16:23:33 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 67 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:23:46 Chair Berglee

16:24:02 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:24:30 Chair Berglee

16:24:40 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 67 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(edh23a02)

Discussion:

16:24:58 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

16:26:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

16:26:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 67 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 12-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting no. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

16:28:40 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 89 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:28:59 Rep. McKamey

16:29:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 166

16:31:06 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 166 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:31:22 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
16:31:34 Rep. Novak
16:31:44 Chair Berglee
16:31:51 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
16:32:01 Rep. Novak
16:32:40 Chair Berglee
16:32:48 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
16:33:03 Chair Berglee
16:33:07 Rep. Vinton
16:33:17 Chair Berglee
16:33:44 Rep. McKamey

16:34:21 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson made a substitute motion that **HB 166 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

16:34:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION** on **HB 89.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:35:20 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 89 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh23a03)

Discussion:

16:35:48 Rep. McKamey
16:38:33 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
16:39:03 Chair Berglee
16:39:25 Rep. McKamey
16:39:34 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

16:39:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

16:40:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 89 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 192

16:41:12 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 192 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:41:21 Chair Berglee

16:41:48 Rep. Reksten

16:43:26 Chair Berglee

16:43:40 Rep. Reksten

16:43:55 Without Objection, Vice Chair Anderson moved to **POSTPONE CONSIDERATION on HB 192.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 227

16:44:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 227 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 23

16:46:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 23 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy. Rep. Anderson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24

16:47:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 24 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy. Rep. Ler will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 25

16:47:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 25 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

16:48:38 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:49:00

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh23aad.pdf](#))