

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair David Bedey, on February 15, 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. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary  
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meetings Coordinator  
Katie Guenther, Legislative Branch  
Julia Pattin, Legislative Branch

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Executive Action on: Montana Arts Council; Montana Historical Society; Board of Public Education; School for the Deaf and Blind; Commissioner of Higher Education

09:01:14 Chair Bedey

[EXHIBIT\(jeh31a01\)](#)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL**

09:03:06 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 4, DP 5555, AND DP 50 FOR THE PROMOTION OF ARTS PROGRAM OF THE MONTANA ART COUNCIL BE ADOPTED..**

09:03:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:03:58 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **THE LANGUAGE OF THE MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL SHOWN ON PAGE 11 OF THE SECTION E SUBSEQUENT ACTION DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED.**

09:05:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

09:05:42 Rep. Keogh

09:06:14 Chair Bedey

09:06:19 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 5555, AND DP 50 UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:06:45 Rep. Windy Boy

09:06:49 Vice Chair Salomon

09:07:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:07:19 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 5555, AND DP 50 UNDER THE RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BE ADOPTED.**

09:07:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:08:18 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 5, DP 5555, AND DP 50 UNDER THE MUSEUM PROGRAM FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BE ADOPTED.**

09:08:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:09:05 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 5555, AND DP 50 UNDER THE PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BE ADOPTED.**

09:09:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:09:44 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 5555, AND DP 50 UNDER THE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BE ADOPTED.**

09:10:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:10:28 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 6, DP 5555, AND DP 50 UNDER THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:10:55 Rep. Windy Boy

09:11:28 Chair Bedey

09:11:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:11:54 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **THE LANGUAGE FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHOWN ON PAGE 15 OF THE SECTION E SUBSEQUENT ACTION DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED.**

09:12:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

09:12:42 Chair Bedey

09:13:05 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 5555, AND DP 50 FOR THE K-12 EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:13:35 Rep. Windy Boy

09:14:21 Chair Bedey

09:14:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:14:57 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 10 FOR THE K-12 EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND IT BE DESIGNATED AS OTO, BIENNIAL, AND RESTRICTED.**

09:16:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

09:16:15 Chair Bedey

09:17:51 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **THE LANGUAGE FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION SHOWN ON PAGE 3 OF THE SECTION E SUBSEQUENT ACTION DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED .**

**Discussion:**

09:18:13 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

09:19:08 Rep. Jones

09:21:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

09:21:42 Rep. Keogh

09:22:37 Chair Bedey

09:23:18 **Motion:** Rep. Keogh moved that **DP 11 FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:22:38 Chair Bedey

09:23:23 Rep. Keogh

09:24:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Keogh, Sen. Morigeau and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye.

09:24:40 **Motion:** Rep. Keogh moved that **DP 12 FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:25:01 Rep. Jones

09:26:06 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

09:27:15 Without objection, Rep. Keogh withdrew the **DP 12 FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BE ADOPTED** motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

09:27:46 Chair Bedey

09:28:07 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 40, DP 5555, AND DP 50 FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND BE ADOPTED.**

09:28:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:28:54 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 5555, DP 11, AND DP 12 FOR THE GENERAL SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:29:28 Chair Bedey

09:29:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

09:29:54 Nancy Hall, OBPP

09:30:10 Chair Bedey

09:30:31 Rep. Keogh

09:30:51 Nancy Hall, OBPP

09:31:18 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1 , DP 3, DP 20, AND DP 5555 FOR THE STUDENT SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND BE ADOPTED.**

09:31:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:31:58 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 3, DP 4, AND DP 5555 FOR THE EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND BE ADOPTED.**

09:32:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:32:37 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **THE LANGUAGE FOR THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND SHOWN ON PAGE 10 OF THE SECTION E SUBSEQUENT ACTION DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED.**

09:33:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

09:33:28 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:34:15 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 11 FOR THE GENERAL SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND AND IT BE DESIGNATED AS OTO AND RESTRICTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:34:36 Chair Bedey

09:34:5 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

09:35:18 Julia Pattin, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

09:35:24 Chair Bedey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA STATE LIBRARY**

09:35:51 Chair Bedey

09:36:20 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 11, DP 13, DP 15, DP 5555, AND DP 50 FOR THE STATEWIDE RESOURCES PROGRAM OF THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY BE ADOPTED .**

**Discussion:**

09:37:32 Sen. Bogner

09:37:37 Vice Chair Salomon

09:37:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:38:04 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **THE LANGUAGE FOR THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ON PAGE 12 OF THE SECTION E SUBSEQUENT ACTION DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:38:31 Rep. Windy Boy

09:39:30 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:39:38 Chair Bedey

09:40:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

09:40:21 Rep. Jones

09:43:32 Chair Bedey

09:43:43 **Motion:** Rep. Keogh moved that **DP 17 FOR THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:44:20 Rep. Keogh

09:45:26 Rep. Jones

09:45:45 Rep. Keogh

09:46:14 Chair Bedey

09:47:01 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:47:15 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Jones made a substitute motion that **DP 17 FOR THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY AND IT BE DESIGNATED AS OTO AND RESTRICTED.**

09:47:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by voice vote with Sen. Bogner and Rep. Fuller voting no.

**Discussion:**

09:47:49 Chair Bedey

09:48:13 Rep. Fuller  
09:48:15 Sen. Bogner  
09:48:47 Chair Bedey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

09:49:15 Chair Bedey

09:49:25 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 5555, AND DP 50 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

09:50:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:50:35 **Motion:** Sen. Morigeau moved that **DP 101 FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS OTO BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:51:26 Sen. Morigeau  
09:53:06 Rep. Jones  
09:54:34 Sen. Morigeau

09:55:46 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Salomon made a substitute motion that **DP 101 FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE TABLED.**

09:56:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Keogh, Sen. Morigeau and Rep. Windy Boy voting no.

**Discussion:**

09:56:22 Rep. Keogh  
09:56:27 Chair Bedey  
09:57:08 Rep. Keogh  
09:58:06 Chair Bedey

09:58:24 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 201, AND DP 5555 FOR THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

09:59:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MT Access Scholarship and Montana Promise Grant Program Discussion:**

09:59:23 Chair Bedey  
10:02:32 Sen. Morigeau  
10:11:11 Rep. Jones  
10:12:47 Rep. Keogh  
10:14:42 Commissioner Clayton Christian, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)  
10:15:06 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:15:16 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
10:16:29 Rep. Windy Boy

10:18:11 Chair Bedey  
10:18:41 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
10:19:13 Sen. Morigeau  
10:19:47 Chair Bedey  
10:20:17 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
10:21:01 Sen. Morigeau  
10:22:12 Chair Bedey

10:22:47 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 403, DP 404, AND DP 405 FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

10:23:21 Rep. Fuller  
10:23:55 Chair Bedey

10:24:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:24:46 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 601, AND DP 5555 FOR THE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

10:25:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

10:26:01 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:26:12 Chair Bedey

10:26:31 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, AND DP 801 FOR THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

10:26:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:27:09 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 901, DP 902, DP 903, DP 904, DP 907, DP 1801, DP 5556, AND 5557 FOR THE APPROPRIATION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

10:27:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:28:08 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1001, DP 1002, AND DP 1003 FOR THE AGENCY FUNDS PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

10:28:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:28:51 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1004, DP 1005, AND DP 1006 FOR THE AGENCY FUNDS PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

10:29:17 Rep. Jones  
10:30:48 Rep. Keogh  
10:30:55 Chair Bedey

10:31:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:31:30 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1101 FOR THE TRIBAL COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS BIENNIAL, RESTRICTED AND OTO BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

10:32:03 Rep. Fuller  
10:32:11 Chair Bedey  
10:32:23 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:34:01 Sen. Morigeau  
10:34:27 Chair Bedey  
10:34:41 Rep. Keogh

10:35:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:35:44 Chair Bedey

10:35:53 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **DP 1 AND DP 3 FOR THE GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.**

10:36:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:36:39 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **THE LANGUAGE FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON PAGE 8 OF THE SECTION E SUBSEQUENT ACTION DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED.**

10:37:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Review and Discussion:**

10:37:25 Chair Bedey  
10:39:31 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:40:00 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
10:40:57 Sen. Morigeau  
10:43:33 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:45:03 Chair Bedey  
10:48:18 Rep. Keogh  
10:49:02 Chair Bedey

10:50:14	Rep. Keogh
10:50:25	Rep. Jones
10:53:17	Chair Bedey
10:53:59	Rep. Keogh
10:56:57	Chair Bedey

**ADJOURNMENT**

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10:58:06

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jeh31aad.pdf](#))