

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 17, 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. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Ashley Duncan, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 332, 2/11/2021; SB 72, 2/11/2021
Executive Action: HB 186; HB 192; HB 246; SB 18; SB 22; SB 75

HEARING ON SB 72**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:26 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 72, Revise school laws related to participation in extracurricular activities.

15:08:22 Rep. Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:58 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFP-MT)

15:11:43 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

15:12:53 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:13:45 Jule Walker, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA); Montana Quality Education Association (MQEA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:15:40 Pat Mischel, self

Informational Testimony:

15:19:16 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:40 Rep. Vinton

15:21:24 Sen. Regier

15:21:32 Rep. Vinton

15:22:05 Vice Chair Funk

15:22:50 Sen. Regier

15:23:07 Rep. Bishop

15:26:03 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:26:53 Rep. Bishop

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:16 Sen. Regier

15:28:20 Chair Berglee

15:28:25 Sen. Regier

HEARING ON HB 332**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:29:01 Rep. Ed Hill (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 332, Revise school laws related to vaccinations.

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:35 Jenna Dodge, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:41:44 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a02\)](#)

15:43:10 Bill Warden, St Peter's Health

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a03\)](#)

15:43:57 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a04\)](#)

15:47:44 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:50:20 Dr. Cora Neumann, self

15:53:27 Brian Warren, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

15:55:11 Colleen Morris, Missoula City-County Health Department

15:58:10 Lauren Wilson, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

16:00:12 Jule Walker, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

16:02:29 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

16:03:29 Dr. Marian Kummer, Montana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Montana AAP); Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:06:43 Rep. Hill

16:09:30 Chair Berglee

16:10:06 Recessed

16:26:15 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 186

16:26:59 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 186 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:27:08 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:27:13 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 186 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(edh33a05\)](#)

Discussion:

16:27:46 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

16:28:30 Rep. McKamey

16:28:51 Rep. Reksten

16:29:45 Rep. Vinton

16:30:37 Rep. Reksten

16:30:58 Chair Berglee

16:33:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk and Rep. Running Wolf voting no.

16:33:39 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 186 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:35:09 Rep. Thane
16:35:48 Rep. Beard
16:36:32 Rep. Reksten
16:37:35 Rep. Novak
16:39:05 Chair Berglee

16:40:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Reksten, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Thane voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 192

16:41:43 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 192 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:42:01 Rep. Reksten
16:45:51 Rep. McKamey

16:46:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 246

16:47:50 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 246 DO PASS.**

16:48:05 **Motion:** Rep. Bertoglio moved that **HB 246 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh33a06)

Discussion:

16:48:37 Rep. Bertoglio

16:49:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:50:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 246 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 206

16:51:31 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 206 DO PASS.**

16:51:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 206 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(edh33a07)

16:52:07 Without objection Vice Chair Funk moved to **PASS CONSIDERATION ON HB 206.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 18

16:52:39 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 18 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:52:50 Chair Berglee

16:53:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Walsh will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 22

16:53:37 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 22 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:53:58 Chair Berglee

16:54:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75

16:55:09 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **SB 75 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:55:12 Chair Berglee

16:55: 28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:56:31

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh33aad.pdf](#))