

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 10, 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. 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. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 612, 3/1/2021; SB 109, 3/1/2021

HEARING ON HB 612**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:23 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 612, Revise education laws to allow additional student eligibility due to Covid-19.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:09:50 Mark Beckman, Montana High School Association (MHSA)

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Informational Testimony:

15:12:42 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:03 Rep. Vinton
15:13:35 Rep. Buttrey
15:14:54 Rep. Thane
15:15:27 Rep. Buttrey
15:15:33 Rep. Running Wolf joined the meeting.
15:16:22 Rep. Thane
15:16:54 Rep. Buttrey
15:17:39 Rep. Bishop
15:18:22 Rep. Buttrey
15:19:27 Rep. Bishop
15:20:02 Rep. Buttrey
15:21:38 Rep. Bishop
15:22:23 Rep. Buttrey
15:24:22 Rep. Beard
15:25:09 Rep. Buttrey
15:25:47 Rep. Beard
15:26:13 Rep. Buttrey
15:27:12 Vice Chair Funk
15:28:10 Rep. Buttrey
15:29:02 Rep. McKamey joined the meeting.
15:30:15 Vice Chair Funk
15:30:56 Paul Taylor, OPI
15:31:07 Rep. Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

15:31:35 Rep. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 109**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:34:32 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 109, Revise laws related to gifted and talented education.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:16 Abigail St. Lawrence, Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)
15:39:04 Kirk Miller, Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)
15:41:11 Julie Merrit, Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)
15:43:41 Holly Kincaid, Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:46:30 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education (MT-PEC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:47:41 Rep. Reksten
15:48:09 McCall Flynn, MT-PEC
15:49:01 Rep. Reksten
15:49:17 McCall Flynn, MT-PEC
15:49:43 Chair Berglee
15:49:49 Abigail St. Lawrence, AGATE
15:50:48 Vice Chair Anderson
15:51:22 Sen. Salomon
15:52:24 Rep. Vinton
15:52:54 Sen. Salomon
15:53:38 Rep. Vinton
15:53:56 Sen. Salomon
15:54:03 Rep. Vinton
15:54:15 Rep. Reksten
15:54:52 Sen. Salomon
15:55:55 Chair Berglee
15:57:04 Sen. Salomon
15:57:52 Chair Berglee
15:58:23 McCall Flynn, MT-PEC
15:59:10 Chair Berglee

Closing by Sponsor:

15:59:19 Sen. Salomon

Committee Business:

15:59:54 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:01:42

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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