

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 19, 2021 at 2:30 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. 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. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (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:

Executive Action: HB 279; SB 99; SB 157; SB 206; SB 248

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 279

14:23:05 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 279 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:23:16 Chair Berglee
14:23:28 Rep. Thane
14:23:33 Rep. Reksten
14:23:55 Chair Berglee
14:24:18 Rep. Reksten
14:24:25 Chair Berglee
14:25:08 Vice Chair Funk
14:26:17 Chair Berglee
14:26:26 Vice Chair Funk
14:26:34 Rep. Bertoglio
14:27:03 Chair Berglee
14:27:35 Rep. Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.
14:27:52 Rep. Novak
14:28:41 Rep. Reksten
14:28:47 Chair Berglee
14:29:46 Vice Chair Funk
14:30:02 Chair Berglee

14:31:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Beard, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 99

14:32:23 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 99 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:32:36 Chair Berglee
14:32:46 Rep. Thane
14:33:41 Vice Chair Funk
14:34:52 Rep. Bishop
14:36:54 Rep. Kerns
14:38:04 Chair Berglee

14:38:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Beard, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Kerns will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 157

14:40:19 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 157 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:40:26 Rep. Ler
14:40:51 Vice Chair Funk
14:41:42 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
14:42:10 Vice Chair Funk
14:42:20 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
14:42:58 Chair Berglee
14:43:12 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
14:43:17 Rep. Bishop
14:44:11 Rep. Reksten
14:44:27 Chair Berglee
14:44:31 Rep. Ler
14:44:55 Vice Chair Anderson
14:45:38 Chair Berglee
14:46:00 Rep. Bertoglio

14:46:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Beard, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. R. Knudsen will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206

Motion: Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 206 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:47:47 Chair Berglee

14:48:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Running Wolf will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 248

14:48:48 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 248 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:48:58 Chair Berglee
14:49:12 Rep. Kerns
14:49:31 Chair Berglee
14:49:58 Rep. Kerns
14:50:10 Chair Berglee

14:50:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Patelis will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

14:51:02 Chair Berglee

14:51:18 Rep. Hawk

14:51:23 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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