

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 31, 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. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (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. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (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:

Executive Action: HB 219; HB 626; HB 633; HB 642; HB 644; HB 663; HJ 25; SB 188; SB 243

15:31:25 Chair Berglee
15:33:00 Recessed
16:01:28 Reconvened with Rep. Kerns and Rep. Beard present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 219

16:01:43 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 219 DO PASS.**

16:01:52 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson made a substitute motion that **HB 219 BE TABLED.** Substitute 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. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 626

16:03:28 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 626 DO PASS.**

16:03:37 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson made a substitute motion that **HB 626 BE TABLED.** Substitute 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. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 633

16:05:09 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 633 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:05:16 Rep. Vinton
16:06:33 Chair Berglee
16:07:50 Rep. Novak
16:09:32 Rep. Beard
16:10:51 Rep. Kerns

16:11:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Berglee, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting aye. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

16:12:18 Without objection Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 633 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 642

16:12:39 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 642 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:12:47 Rep. Thane
16:13:29 Rep. Bishop
16:14:06 Chair Berglee

16:14:28 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Reksten, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

16:15:50 Without objection Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 642 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 644

16:16:11 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 644 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:16:28 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:16:34 Rep. Berglee

16:17:57 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 644 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

16:18:14 Rep. Reksten

16:18:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

16:19:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 644 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. Kerns and Rep. Mitchell voting no. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 663

16:20:06 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 663 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:20:13 Rep. Thane

16:20:55 Rep. Novak

16:22:03 Chair Berglee

16:22:22 Rep. Anderson

16:22:50 Rep. Kerns

16:23:59 Rep. Ler

16:24:35 **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. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 25

- 16:25:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HJ 25 DO PASS**. Motion failed 6-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.
- 16:27:13 Without Objection Rep. Anderson moved that **HJ 25 BE TABLED**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 188

- 16:27:28 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 188 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

- 16:27:40 Rep. Reksten
- 16:28:18 Rep. Thane
- 16:29:37 Rep. Kerns
- 16:30:20 Rep. Novak
- 16:31:15 Chair Berglee
- 16:31:19 Rep. Novak
- 16:31:26 Chair Berglee
- 16:32:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting aye. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.
- 16:34:01 Without objection Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 188 BE TABLED**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243

- 16:34:17 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **SB 243 BE CONCURRED IN**.
- 16:34:33 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson made a substitute motion that **SB 243 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Berglee, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Ler, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Reksten and Rep. Vinton voting aye. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.
- 16:35:56 Chair Berglee
- 16:36:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Seekins-Crowe and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Funk, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.
- 16:38:13 Without objection Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 243 BE TABLED**.

Committee Business:

- 16:38:37 Chair Berglee

ADJOURNMENT

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16:38:54

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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