

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Fred Anderson-R, on January 06, 2023 at 2:59 PM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Fred Anderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

Staff Present: Rose Harmon, Secretary
Amanda Persons, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Laura Sankey Keip, Research Analyst

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 21 12/20/2022

HB 22 12/23/2022

Executive Action:

15:01:39 **Committee Discussion:** Introductions of committee and staff

15:02:00 Vice Chair Linda Reksten

15:02:39 Vice Chair Tyson Running Wolf

15:03:00 Rep. Brandon Ler

15:03:18 Rep. Mark Thane

15:03:40 Rep. Melissa Romano

15:04:04 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe

15:04:31 Rep. Braxton Mitchell

15:04:46 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:05:07 Rep. Lee Deming

15:05:29 Rep. Sherry Essmann

15:05:59 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

15:06:28 Rep. James Bergstrom

15:07:17 Chair Fred Anderson

15:08:21 Laura Sankey Keip

15:09:31 Rose Harmon

15:11:38 Chair Fred Anderson

15:13:26 Walt Chancy, Sergeant of Arms

15:15:56 Chair Fred Anderson

15:16:31 **Committee Discussion:** Introductions of Education Committee Session
Witnesses

15:16:39 Amanda Curtis, President Elect, Montana Federation of Public Employees
(MFPE)

15:17:42 Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

15:19:16 Shelly Turner, Executive Director, National Association of School Business Officials

15:20:38 Doug Reisig, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

15:21:45 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education

15:22:35 Chair Fred Anderson

15:22:58 Rep. Brandon Ler

15:23:16 Rep. Mark Thane

15:23:27 Chair Fred Anderson

15:23:38 Rep. Mark Thane

15:23:59 Chair Fred Anderson

15:24:08 Rep. Brandon Ler

15:24:19 Laura Sankey Keip

15:25:07 Rep. Brandon Ler

15:25:09 Chair Fred Anderson

15:25:10 Rep. Brandon Ler

15:25:25 Chair Fred Anderson

15:25:36 Rep. Mark Thane

15:25:37 Rep. Mark Thane

15:25:48 Chair Fred Anderson

HEARING ON HB 21 - Revising process for adoption of school accreditation standards

Opening Statement:

15:26:07 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 21, Revising process for adoption of school accreditation standards.

Proponent Testimony:

15:28:44 Doug Reisig, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

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15:31:19 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education

15:32:54 Daniel Farr, Self as a retired school educator

[EXHIBIT\(230106EDHa2\)](#)

15:36:26 Sarah Piper, President Elect, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:38:03 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:38:37 Jenny Murnane Butcher, Montanans Organized for Education

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:40:26 Rep. Brandon Ler

Closing Statement:

15:40:30 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 21.

HEARING ON HB 22 - Revising use of revenue from teacher licensure fees

Opening Statement:

15:41:55 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 22, Revising use of revenue from teacher licensure fees.

Proponent Testimony:

15:43:28 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education

15:45:20 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, Montana Office of Public Instruction

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:46:47 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 22.

18:11:53 **Motion/Vote:** Motion to Adopt Committee Rules Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:24:03

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230106EDHaad\)](#)