

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

Call to Order: Chair Fred Anderson-R, on January 09, 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. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

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 15 12/21/2022

HB 36 12/21/2022

Executive Action:

HB 21 DO PASS

HB 22 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 15 - Implement K-12 Inflation

Opening Statement:

15:01:38 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 15, Implement K-12 Inflation.

Proponent Testimony:

15:04:08 Elsie Arntzen, Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction (Superintendent)

15:05:17 Jenny Murnane Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized For Education, (MOFE)

15:05:55 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:07:06 Doug Reisig, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC); Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:09:30 Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

15:10:05 Rep. Mark Thane

15:10:30 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:11:03 Rep. Mark Thane

15:11:18 Paul Taylor, OPI

Closing Statement:

15:12:51 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 15.

HEARING ON HB 36 - Revising school funding laws related to enrollment increases

Opening Statement:

15:14:18 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 36, Revising school funding laws related to enrollment increases.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:21:50 Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

15:22:27 Rep. Mark Thane

15:23:07 Rep. David Bedey-R

15:23:29 Paul Taylor, OPI

Closing Statement:

15:25:32 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 36.

15:28:45 **Recessed**

15:38:43 **Reconvened**

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

15:38:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 21 DO PASS.**

15:38:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

15:39:48 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 22 DO PASS.**

15:39:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:41:22

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230109EDHaad\)](#)