

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Fred Anderson-R, on January 18, 2023 at 3:02 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. 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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)

**Staff Present:** Rose Harmon, Secretary  
Amanda Persons, Attorney  
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:

Executive Action:

HB 171 DO PASS AS AMENDED

15:36:23

**Committee Discussion:**

15:38:32 Rep. Fred Anderson

15:38:34 Rep. Brandon Ler

15:38:37 Rep. Fred Anderson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 171 - Revise education laws related to residential treatment facilities**

15:03:39 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 171 DO PASS.**

15:03:39 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

15:04:00 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 171 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:04:35 Laura Sankey Keip

15:07:08 Rep. Fred Anderson

15:04:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:08:22 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 171 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:08:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:08:57 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 171 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:09:22 Laura Sankey Keip

15:10:32 Rep. Fred Anderson

15:10:41 Rep. Mark Thane

15:11:12 Rep. Linda Reksten

15:12:35 Laura Sankey Keip

15:12:59 Rep. Mark Thane

15:13:13 Laura Sankey Keip  
15:13:21 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:08:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
15:14:02 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 171 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
**Discussion:**  
15:14:31 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:15:14 Rep. Bedey  
15:15:29 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:15:52 Rep. Linda Reksten  
15:16:00 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:16:59 Jay Phillips, Chief Officer, OPI, Exhibit1  
15:22:11 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:22:22 Jay Phillips, OPI  
15:24:50 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:25:09 Jay Phillips, OPI  
15:28:57 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:29:08 Jay Phillips, OPI  
15:33:56 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:34:23 Rep. Mark Thane  
15:34:42 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:34:51 Rep. Linda Reksten  
15:35:22 Rep. Fred Anderson  
15:36:23  
15:14:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:38:52

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Rose Harmon, Secretary

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