

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Llew Jones-R, on January 19, 2023 at 3:13 PM, in 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 15 01/18/2023
HB 36 01/18/2023
HB 114 01/18/2023

Executive Action:

HB 15 DO PASS
HB 28 DO PASS
HB 36 TO TABLE

15:15:20 Chair Jones

HEARING ON HB 114 - Revise timelines for water right permit and change process

Opening Statement:

15:15:43 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 114, Revise timelines for water right permit and change process.

Proponent Testimony:

15:16:55 Ryan Osmundson, Director, Governor's Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)

15:17:46 Rep. Mary Caferro left the meeting.

15:17:56 Anna Pakenham-Stevenson, Administrator, Water Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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15:18:24 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy left the meeting.

15:18:37 Rep. Bill Mercer joined the meeting.

15:23:40 Cory Shaw, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

15:24:11 Julie Merritt, self

15:25:41 Sam Forstag, City of Bozeman, League of Cities and Towns

15:26:05 John Tietz, self

15:27:51 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

15:28:32 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Association and more

15:29:34 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Stock Growers Association

15:30:20 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

15:30:51 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited, Montana Well Drillers

15:31:28 Rep. Jane Gillette joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:32:13 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:32:59 Anna Pakingham-Stevenson, DNRC

15:33:42 Rep. Fiona Nave

15:36:48 Anna Pakingham-Stevenson, DNRC

15:37:30 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

15:38:21 Anna Pakingham-Stevenson, DNRC

15:38:49 Rep. Jerry Schillinger left the meeting.

15:39:15 Rep. Terry Moore

15:43:00 Anna Pakingham-Stevenson, DNRC

15:45:20 Rep. Bill Mercer

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15:45:58 Rep. Llew Jones

15:46:32 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:49:34 Anna Pakingham-Stevenson, DNRC

15:52:01 Rep. David Bedey

Closing Statement:

15:52:56 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, closed the hearing on HB 114.

HEARING ON HB 15 - Implement K-12 Inflation

Opening Statement:

15:55:07 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 15, Implement K-12 Inflation.

Proponent Testimony:

15:56:10 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent Of Schools

15:57:21 Doug Ricek, Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools

15:57:43 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:58:21 Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

15:58:37 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:58:52 Rep. Mary Caferro left the meeting.

15:59:04 Rep. David Bedey-R

15:59:09 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:59:58 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.

16:00:14 Rep. Bill Mercer joined the meeting.

16:01:12 Rep. Terry Moore

16:02:30 Rep. David Bedey

16:04:46 Paul Taylor, OPI

16:04:58 Rep. Terry Moore

16:05:18 Paul Taylor, OPI

16:05:45 Rep. Terry Moore

16:06:02 Rep. Llew Jones

16:07:16 Rep. Mike Hopkins joined the meeting.

16:07:21 Rep. Mary Caferro joined the meeting.
16:07:28 Rep. Jane Gillette joined the meeting.
16:07:49 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy left the meeting.
16:09:31 Rep. Jerry Schillinger left the meeting.
16:09:53 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:11:16 Rep. Llew Jones
16:11:29 Rep. Terry Moore
16:11:50 Rep. David Bedey
16:12:55 Rep. Bob Keenan
16:13:17 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:13:47 Rep. Jane Gillette
16:14:10 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:14:17 Rep. Jerry Schillinger joined the meeting.
16:14:59 Rep. Jane Gillette
16:15:02 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:16:05 Rep. Bill Mercer
16:16:28 Rep. Llew Jones
16:18:54 Rep. Bill Mercer
16:20:19 Rep. Llew Jones
16:21:01 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent
16:21:59 Rep. David Bedey
16:24:02 Rep. Terry Falk
16:25:12 Rep. David Bedey
16:25:18 Paul Taylor, OPI

Closing Statement:

16:25:46 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:

16:26:44 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:

16:31:04 Paul Taylor, Budget Director, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

16:31:33 Rep. Fiona Nave
16:31:36 Rep. David Bedey-R
16:33:17 Rep. Llew Jones
16:35:56 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:38:06 Rep. Jim Hamilton
16:38:37 Rep. David Bedey-R
16:39:59 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:41:02 Rep. Jim Hamilton
16:41:29 Paul Taylor, OPI
16:42:45 Rep. Terry Falk
16:43:10 Rep. David Bedey

16:45:33 Rep. John Fitzpatrick
16:46:10 Rep. David Bedey-R
16:46:59 Rep. John Fitzpatrick
16:47:23 Rep. David Bedey-R

Closing Statement:

16:48:32 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 36.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15 - Implement K-12 Inflation

16:51:59 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 15 DO PASS.**
16:51:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Regier, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 28 - Increase legislator per diem reimbursements for lodging and meals

16:59:18 **Motion:** Rep. Terry Moore moved that **HB 28 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:50:45 Chair Jones
16:59:51 Rep. John Fitzpatrick
17:00:01 Rep. Fiona Nave
17:01:24 Rep. Bill Mercer
17:03:37 Rep. Terry Moore
16:59:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 10 by voice vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, Rep. Schillinger, Rep. Tuss, voting yes.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy
17:08:26 **Motion:** Rep. David Bedey moved that **HB 28 DO PASS.**
17:08:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 10 by voice vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore,

Rep. Regier, Rep. Schillinger, Rep. Tuss, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

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

17:27:55 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 36 DO PASS.**

17:27:55 **Vote:** Motion tied 11 - 11 by voice vote

14:11:28 **Motion:** Rep. David Bedey moved that **HB 36 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

15:15:20 Chair Jones

14:11:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:12:32

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230119APHaad\)](#)