

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair David Bedey-R, on January 19, 2023 at 8:31 AM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. David Bedey, Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Staff Present: Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Alice Hecht, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Megan Maule, Secretary
Julia Pattin, Legislative Fiscal 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:

08:32:12 **Committee Discussion:** Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:32:15 [EXHIBIT\(230119JEHb1\)](#)

08:33:04 **Committee Discussion:** Bitterroot Community College

08:34:16 Katie Guenther

08:44:49 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy joined the meeting.

08:59:49 Chair David Bedey

09:00:47 Katie Guenther

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09:01:12 Sen. John Fuller

09:01:46 Katie Guenther

09:02:46 **Committee Discussion:** Kaitie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

09:03:52 Chair David Bedey

09:05:36 Sen. John Fuller

09:06:09 Chair David Bedey

09:07:20 **Committee Discussion:** Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher
Education

09:08:10 [EXHIBIT\(230119JEHb2\)](#)

09:09:01 Chair David Bedey

09:10:19 Rep. Connie Keogh

09:11:10 Chair David Bedey

09:14:39 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:16:34 Chair David Bedey

09:16:42 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:17:27 Chair David Bedey

09:19:22 **Committee Discussion:** Flathead Community College

09:19:25 [EXHIBIT\(230119JEHb3\)](#)

09:19:54 Chair David Bedey

09:30:04 Chair David Bedey

09:30:15 **Committee Discussion:** Miles Community College

09:38:32 Chair David Bedey

09:38:35 [EXHIBIT\(230119JEHb4\)](#)

09:38:37 **Committee Discussion:** Dawson Community College

09:47:41 Chair David Bedey

09:47:42 Sen. John Fuller

09:48:20 Chair David Bedey

09:53:23 Sen. John Fuller

09:54:25 Chair David Bedey

09:54:31 Rep. Connie Keogh

10:00:06 Chair David Bedey

10:02:22 Rep. Connie Keogh

10:02:42 Chair David Bedey

10:07:23 Sen. John Esp

10:08:02 Chair David Bedey

10:08:44 Sen. John Fuller

10:09:00 Chair David Bedey

10:09:08 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:10:07 Chair David Bedey

10:10:55 **Committee Discussion:** Bitterroot Community College

10:16:03 Chair David Bedey

10:16:32 Sen. John Fuller

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10:20:24 Ben Ternes, OBPP

10:20:44 **Committee Discussion:** Public Comment

10:22:10 Chair David Bedey

10:22:58 **Recessed**

10:33:00 **Reconvened**

10:34:00 **Committee Discussion:** Chair Bedey

10:34:19 **Committee Discussion:** Office of Public Instruction

09:11:28 Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI

09:41:15 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy joined the meeting.

10:07:50 Dr. Julia Murgel, OPI

10:08:27 Dr. Julia Murgel, OPI

10:34:32 Jay Phillips OPI

10:34:37 [EXHIBIT\(230119JEHb5\)](#)

10:41:52 Chair David Bedey

10:43:06 Dr. Murgel, OPI

10:43:32 Chair David Bedey
10:43:56 Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI
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10:46:34 Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI
10:47:42 Chair David Bedey
10:48:13 Rep. Connie Keogh
10:49:50 Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI
10:50:21 Chair David Bedey
10:50:34 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
10:51:36 Dr. Julia Murgel, OPI
10:52:20 Chair David Bedey
10:52:48 Dr. Julia Murgel, OPI
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10:56:56 Dr. Julia Murgel, OPI
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11:02:30 Sen. John Fuller
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ADJOURNMENT

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Megan Maule, Secretary

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