

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 23, 2023 at 9:04 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)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Llew Jones (R)

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:

09:05:19 **Committee Discussion:** Commissioner of Higher Education - Clayton Christian

09:11:50 Chair David Bedey

09:18:42 Chair David Bedey

09:24:54 **Committee Discussion:** Tribal College Introductions - Kaitie G.

09:25:38 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:26:16 Katie Guenther

09:27:23 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:27:24 Katie Guenther

09:27:25 Chair David Bedey

09:27:40 Clayton Christian

09:28:06 Chair David Bedey

09:28:25 Sen. John Fuller

09:29:15 Katie Guenther

09:29:20 Sen. John Fuller

09:29:23 Shauna Lyons

09:29:54 Sen. John Fuller

09:29:55 Chair David Bedey

09:30:08 **Committee Discussion:** Research and Development Agencies - KG

09:37:32 Chair David Bedey

09:37:33 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:38:20 Katie Guenther

09:38:29 Clayton Christian

09:38:44 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:38:54 Chair David Bedey

09:39:17 Katie Guenther

09:39:28 Clayton Christian

09:39:52 Chair David Bedey

09:41:07 Clayton Christian

09:41:19 Chair David Bedey

09:41:27 **Committee Discussion:** Tribal College Presidents (Introductions) Clayton Christian

09:43:50 Eva Flying

09:44:13 Chair David Bedey

09:44:21 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:44:53 Chair David Bedey

09:45:08 Clayton Christian

09:45:21 **Committee Discussion:** Comm. of Higher Education - Clayton Chrisitan (Program 10)

09:47:09 **Committee Discussion:** MUS Research Update - Joe Thiel

09:53:13 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:54:19 Joe Thiel

09:54:42 Chair David Bedey

09:54:49 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

09:55:25 Joe Thiel

09:57:04 Chair David Bedey

09:57:06 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

09:57:31 Joe Thiel

09:58:01 Chair David Bedey

09:58:20 **Committee Discussion:** Clayton Christian - Program 10

10:00:52 Chair David Bedey

10:00:55 Clayton Christian

10:01:06 **Committee Discussion:** College of Agriculture and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station - Sreekala Bajwa

10:06:13 Chair David Bedey

10:06:20 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:07:15 Sreekala Bajwa

10:08:24 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:08:48 Sreekala Bajwa

10:09:25 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:09:28 Sreekala Bajwa

10:09:40 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:09:47 Sreekala Bajwa

10:10:29 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:10:32 Sreekala Bajwa

10:10:59 Chair David Bedey

10:11:01 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:11:16 Sreekala Bajwa

10:11:56 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:12:07 Chair David Bedey

10:12:23 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:12:52 Chair David Bedey

10:12:56 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:13:20 Chair David Bedey

10:14:17 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:14:18 Chair David Bedey

10:14:33 President Flying

10:16:20 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:17:26 Chair David Bedey

10:18:25 Sreekala Bajwa

10:18:39 Chair David Bedey

10:18:53 Sreekala Bajwa

10:19:09 **Committee Discussion:** Montana State Extension Services - Cody Stone

10:24:03 Chair David Bedey

10:24:12 **Committee Discussion:** University of Montana - Forestry and Conservation Experiment Station - Libby Metcalf

10:30:40 Chair David Bedey

10:30:48 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:31:35 Chair David Bedey

10:31:36 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:32:19 Chair David Bedey

10:32:25 Sen. John Esp

10:33:46 Chair David Bedey

10:33:48 Dean Metcalf

10:34:31 Sen. John Esp

10:35:06 Chair David Bedey

10:35:19 **Committee Discussion:** Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology - Dr. John Metesh (Exhibit)

10:42:15 Chair David Bedey

10:42:17 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:44:13 Dr. Metesh

10:44:27 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:45:33 Dr. Metesh

10:46:16 Chair David Bedey

10:46:48 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:47:27 Chair David Bedey

10:47:44 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:48:31 Dr. Metesh - Exhibit

10:52:51 Vice Chair Daniel Salomon

10:53:06 Sen. John Esp

10:54:45 Sen. John Fuller

10:55:32 Dr. Metesh

10:57:22 Sen. John Fuller

10:58:02 Chair David Bedey

10:58:03 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

10:59:40 Chair David Bedey

11:00:24 Dr. Metesh

11:02:17 **Committee Discussion:** Fire Services Training School - John Culbertson

11:07:37 Chair David Bedey

11:07:53 Ben Ternes

11:07:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:08:21 **Committee Discussion:** Sen. Esp

11:08:54 Katie Guenther

11:08:57 Sen. John Esp

11:10:05 Chair David Bedey

11:10:13 Rep. Connie Keogh

11:10:46 Chair David Bedey

11:10:49 Comm. Christian -Exhibit

11:11:09 Chair David Bedey

11:18:06 Public Comment - Seth Barker, Jasmine Krotkov, John Campbell, Ryan
McCormick

11:21:23 **Committee Discussion:** Public Comment -Lynn Stenson, Jefferson
County Fire Counsel, Tryg Coch (Flathead County), Dale Schuler, Dave
Kelsey, Christa Lee Evans, Greg Wiman, R. Conem, Honeycutt, P.
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11:50:35 **Committee Discussion:** Sen Esp

11:50:52 Chair David Bedey

11:50:55 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

11:51:30 Chair David Bedey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:51:45

Megan Maule, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230123JEHaad\)](#)