

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Fred Anderson-R, on January 27, 2023 at 2:50 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. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
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 287 01/20/2023

HB 288 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 287 - Revise laws related to Indian language preservation

Opening Statement:

14:51:46 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 287, Revise laws related to Indian language preservation.

Proponent Testimony:

14:58:17 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(230127EDHa1\)](#)

15:00:26 Keigan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU-MT)

15:04:17 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus

[EXHIBIT\(230127EDHa2\)](#)

15:04:21 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus

[EXHIBIT\(230127EDHa3\)](#)

15:07:42 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters of Montana

15:10:15 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center

15:13:33 Mark Anderlik, Montana Democratic Socialists of America

15:14:05 Rob Watson, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools (CAMPS)

15:15:10 Danielle Vazquez, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy Indian Reservation

15:16:01 Carrie Spotted Bear, Tribal Policy Coordinator, Zero to Five Montana

15:18:26 Leigh Ann Courville, Salish Kootenai Tribe

15:22:01 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

- 15:23:12 Molly Kruckenberg, Director, Montana Historical Society
15:23:33 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

- 15:24:04 Rep. Linda Reksten
15:24:24 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
15:24:59 Rep. Linda Reksten
15:25:21 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D

Closing Statement:

- 15:26:28 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 287.

HEARING ON HB 288 - Revise laws related to tuition waivers for American Indian students

Opening Statement:

- 15:28:49 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 288, Revise laws related to tuition waivers for American Indian students.

Proponent Testimony:

- 15:32:32 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus
[EXHIBIT\(230127EDHa4\)](#)
15:32:37 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus
[EXHIBIT\(230127EDHa5\)](#)
15:39:04 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
15:40:12 Keigan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana
15:43:45 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
15:44:32 Maggie Bell, Montana Associated Students of the Montana University System

15:45:57 Nancy Brown, Elizabeth Rose Trottier-Filla and Family
15:48:31 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice
15:49:35 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center
15:51:01 Mark Anderlik, Montana Democratic Socialists of America
15:51:41 Danielle Vazquez, Chippewa Cree Tribe
15:57:36 Jocelyn Alpin McCullough, University student

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:53:00 Angela McLean, Director of American Indian and Minority Achievements and K-12 Partnerships, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System (OCHE)

Questions from Committee:

15:53:40 Rep. James Bergstrom
15:54:13 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
15:55:15 Rep. James Bergstrom
15:55:32 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
16:01:23 Rep. Melissa Romano
16:01:55 Angela McLean, OCHE
16:03:15 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:03:44 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
16:04:04 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:04:25 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D

Closing Statement:

16:04:59 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 288.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:05:58

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230127EDHaad\)](#)