

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on January 31, 2023 at 3:38 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. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)

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

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 171 01/30/2023
HB 180 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

HB 171 DO PASS
HB 82 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 147 DO PASS
HB 292 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 171 - Revise education laws related to residential treatment facilities

Opening Statement:

15:38:00 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 171, Revise education laws related to residential treatment facilities.

Proponent Testimony:

15:39:56 Tom Livers, Shodair Children's Hospital

15:40:26 Tal Goldin, Supervising Attorney, Education Employment and Benefits, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

15:43:46 Dennis Parman, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools (CAMPS)

15:44:20 Rep. Regier left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:45:12 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

15:45:33 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:46:05 Rep. David Bedey

15:46:30 Rep. Naarah Hastings

15:46:55 Rep. David Bedey

15:48:35 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

15:48:53 Rep. David Bedey-R

Closing Statement:

15:49:03 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 171.

HEARING ON HB 180 - Revise municipal police officers retirement laws

Opening Statement:

15:51:02 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 180, Revise municipal police officers retirement laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:55:03 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Public Pension Systems, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

15:55:30 Dan Smith, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

15:56:30 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:57:00 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:57:47 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

15:58:11 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

15:58:50 Rep. Fiona Nave

15:59:11 Rep. Neil Duram-R

16:02:18 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

16:03:20 Rep. Mercer

16:04:07 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

16:06:00 Rep. Terry Moore

16:06:41 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

16:08:58 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

16:09:15 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

16:11:18 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
16:11:44 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
16:12:05 Rep. Terry Moore
16:13:10 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

Closing Statement:

16:14:03 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, closed the hearing on HB 180.

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

16:16:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 171 DO PASS.**
13:44:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 82 - Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program

16:17:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 82 DO PASS.**
13:44:07 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
16:18:08 **Motion:** Rep. David Bedey moved that **HB 82 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:19:34 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
16:20:29 Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting.
13:44:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:20:57 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 82 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
13:44:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 11 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, Rep. Schillinger, voting no. Rep. Regier, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147 - Enhance Medicaid rates for certain children's mental health services

16:23:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 147 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:23:42 Rep. Jane Gillette
16:24:30 Chair Llew Jones
13:44:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 292 - Make board of public accountants enterprise fund permanent

16:25:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 292 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:25:35 Chair Llew Jones
13:44:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:28:04

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230131APHaad\)](#)