

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Fred Anderson-R, on February 01, 2023 at 3:46 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. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

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:

Executive Action:

HB 257 DO PASS
HB 287 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 288 TO TABLE
HB 344 DO PASS

15:48:35 Recessed

16:09:44 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 257 - Revise education laws related to advanced opportunities program

16:10:11 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 257 DO PASS.**

16:10:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 287 - Revise laws related to Indian language preservation

16:10:58 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 287 DO PASS.**

16:11:12 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 287 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:11:27 Laura Sankey Keip

16:11:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:12:14 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 287 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:12:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

16:12:49 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 288 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:13:09 Rep. Linda Reksten

16:13:48 Rep. Fred Anderson

16:12:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 9 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Matthews, Rep. Romano, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Thane, voting yes.

16:16:18 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Mark Thane moved that **HB 288 TO TABLE.**

16:16:18 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 344 - Require new school buses to be equipped with lap-shoulder belts

16:16:46 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 344 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:16:58 Rep. Mark Thane

15:48:35 Recessed

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16:16:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:21:06

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201EDHaad\)](#)