

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Fred Anderson-R, on February 06, 2023 at 3:07 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:

HB 382 02/01/2023

HB 338 02/01/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 382 - Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations

Opening Statement:

15:09:56 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 382, Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations.

Proponent Testimony:

15:15:20 Senator Barry Usher, Montana Senate District 20

15:18:11 Katie Meier, State Director, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)

15:23:35 Ashley Kim, Montana State President, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)

15:25:42 Tom Spika, Founder, Spika Design and Manufacturing, Inc.

15:28:25 Brooklyn Newsom, Vice President, Skills USA Great Falls High School

15:30:35 Allana Holderman, State Officer, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

15:32:31 Riley Larson, Future Farmers of America (FFA)

15:33:48 Emily Coles, Business Professionals of America (BPA)

15:35:32 Emma Edwards, State President, Skills USA Great Falls High School, Service Technician at City Motor Company

15:38:11 Abby Begger, Montana State President, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

15:39:54 Phillip Prewett, Second Vice President, Future Farmers of America (FFA)

15:41:28 Jim Rose, Montana State Director, Future Farmers of America (FFA)

15:42:08 Jim Kinsey, Skills USA, Member of Highlands College Postsecondary Skills USA chapter

15:45:44 Keeley Mahoney, State Officer, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)

15:47:12 Gus Turner, Future Farmers of America (FFA)

15:48:34 Brody Romano, State Reporter, Skills USA Capital High School

15:50:20 Sophie Smith, Business Professionals of America (BPA)

15:51:47 Carey Hansen, First Vice President, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Three Forks High School

15:53:46 Kyle Kinsey, Skills USA Butte High School

15:56:29 Timothy Walters, Missoula Chapter Skills USA, Missoula Robotics Team, Sentinel High School

15:58:24 Olivia Collins, First Vice President, Future Farmers of America (FFA)

15:59:59 Elizabeth Fulbright, State Vice President of Finance, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fergis High School

16:01:37 Doretta Johnson, Vice President, Healthcare Occupation Students of America (HOSA), Bozeman

16:02:34 Angelina LoDuca, Executive Officers Team, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Billings West High School

16:04:18 Aspyn Bowman, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), Billings West High School

16:06:10 Ela Bloyder, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), Billings West High School

16:07:44 Phillip Wortham, Chief Clinical Simulation Officer, Praxis Center

16:10:24 Eric Croft, Automotive Teacher, Skills USA Advisor for Capital High School, State Advisor for Skills USA

16:11:13 Joe Wilkins, Former state and national awards recipient Skills USA, Equipment Power and Repair, Great Falls

16:14:31 Lisa Parker, State Director, Montana Business Professionals of America

16:14:50 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Advisory Board

- 16:15:11 Heather O'Hara, Registered Nurse, Vice President of Montana Hospital Association
- 16:15:28 Bill Warden, Montana Bioscience Association
- 16:15:40 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Montana Contractor's Association
- 16:16:01 Kellan Standley, Montana Association for Career and Technical Education
- 16:16:18 Amy Grmoljez, Partner, Crowley Fleck Law Firm, representing Billings Clinic
- [EXHIBIT\(230206EDHa1\)](#)
- 16:16:45 Roberta Tilleman, Montana Director, Skills USA
- 16:17:18 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees
- 16:17:39 Emily Dean, Director of Advocacy, Montana School Board Association (MSBA), Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)
- 16:18:22 John Hurd, Store Manager, RDO Equipment Company in Billings

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

- 16:19:08 Ken Bailey, Former Chief Finance Officer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- 16:20:21 Shannon Boswell, Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

- 16:21:01 Rep. Mark Thane
- 16:21:29 Rep. Greg Oblander-R
- 16:21:53 Rep. Mark Thane
- 16:22:05 Ken Bailey, OPI
- 16:22:38 Rep. Lee Deming
- 16:23:08 Rep. Greg Oblander-R

16:23:50 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:24:51 Shannon Boswell, OPI
16:25:27 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:25:29 Shannon Boswell, OPI

Closing Statement:

16:25:44 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, closed the hearing on HB 382.

HEARING ON HB 338 - Revise laws related to Indian Education for All

Opening Statement:

16:29:44 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 338, Revise laws related to Indian Education for All.

Proponent Testimony:

16:38:08 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
16:40:45 Emily Dean, Director of Advocacy, Montana School Board Association (MSBA), Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)
[EXHIBIT\(230206EDHa2\)](#)
16:43:10 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center
16:43:35 Keigan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana
16:46:56 Ta'jin Perez, Deputy Director, Western Native Voice

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:48:03 Ken Bailey, Former Chief Financial Officer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

16:48:34 Rep. Linda Reksten

16:49:20 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
16:51:12 Rep. Lee Deming
16:51:37 Ken Bailey, OPI
16:51:50 Rep. Lee Deming
16:52:04 Ken Bailey, OPI
16:52:15 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
16:53:45 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
16:54:35 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:55:32 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
16:57:13 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:57:51 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
16:58:54 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:59:54 Ken Bailey, OPI
17:00:10 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
17:00:15 Ken Bailey, OPI
17:00:17 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
17:00:36 Ken Bailey, OPI
17:01:23 Rep. Fred Anderson
17:01:42 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
17:02:20 Rep. Sherry Essmann
17:03:53 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
17:03:58 Rep. Sherry Essmann
17:04:23 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32

Closing Statement:

17:06:18 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 338.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:07:15

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230206EDHaad\)](#)