

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Llew Jones-R, on February 07, 2023 at 3:23 PM, in 102

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Llew Jones, 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. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (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 257 02/06/2023  
Executive Action:

HB 114 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 189 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 219 TO TABLE

15:25:22

Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 257 - Revise education laws related to advanced opportunities program**

**Opening Statement:**

15:25:34 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 257, Revise education laws related to advanced opportunities program.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:28:30 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association, Montana Equipment Dealers Association

15:30:22 Dylan Klapmire, Governor's Education and Work Force Advisor

15:33:09 Dave Galt, Montana Contractors Association (MCA), Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

15:34:05 Doug Reisig, Coalition of advocates for Montana Public Schools (CAMPS)

15:34:29 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:35:11 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:35:25 Nancy Hall, Governor's Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:25:55 Rep. Mercer left the meeting.

15:35:56 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:36:29 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:36:41 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

15:36:52 Vice Chair Keenan joined the meeting.

15:38:07 Rep. Gillette left the meeting.

15:39:51 Rep. Llew Jones

15:41:17 Rep. Jim Hamilton  
15:41:19 Rep. Llew Jones  
15:41:30 Sarah Swanson, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
15:42:27 Rep. Jim Hamilton  
15:42:35 Sarah Swanson, DLI

**Closing Statement:**

15:43:04 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R), HD 7, closed the hearing on HB 257.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 114 - Revise timelines for water right permit and change process**

15:44:47 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 114 DO PASS.**  
15:44:47 **Vote:** Motion tied 1 - 1 by voice vote  
15:45:03 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 114 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:43:38 Rep. Mercer  
15:43:56 Chair Jones  
15:43:57 Rep. Llew Jones  
15:45:51 Quinn Holzer  
15:47:26 Rep. Bill Mercer  
15:48:29 Rep. Jerry Schillinger  
15:48:35 Rep. Llew Jones  
15:45:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.  
15:51:26 **Motion:** Rep. David Bedey moved that **HB 114 BE AMENDED.**  
15:51:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
15:51:49 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 114 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
15:51:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 189 - Revise property tax assistance program**

15:52:31 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 189 DO PASS.**

15:52:31 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

15:52:36 **Motion:** Rep. Bill Mercer moved that **HB 189 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:53:00 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:54:09 Rep. David Bedey

15:54:24 Quinn Holzer

15:55:16 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:52:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Nave, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

15:57:54 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 189 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:58:14 Julie Johnson

15:59:19 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:59:49 Julie Johnson

16:00:12 Rep. Bob Keenan

15:57:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:00:55 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 189 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:01:08 Rep. Terry Falk

16:01:41 Rep. Llew Jones

16:01:56 Rep. Terry Falk

16:00:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 11 by voice 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. Read, Rep. Regier, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 219 - Exempt certain military pensions and survivor benefits  
from income taxes**

16:04:26 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 219 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:01:59 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.

16:05:22 Rep. Terry Moore

16:06:20 Rep. David Bedey

16:07:01 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:04:26 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

16:08:25 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 219 TO TABLE.**

16:08:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:11:52

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Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230207APHaad\)](#)