

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Katie Zolnikov-R, on February 13, 2023 at 3:04 PM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

Members Excused: Vice Chair Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Paul Green (R)

Staff Present: Lucinda Blair, Secretary
Trevor Graff, 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 394 02/10/2023

HB 395 02/10/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 394 – Require examination of creation of state-tribal education accord schools

Opening Statement:

15:06:00 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 394, Require examination of creation of state-tribal education accord schools.

Proponent Testimony:

15:07:20 Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent (OPI)
15:09:58 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus
15:11:30 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
15:13:35 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
15:15:00 Donnie Wetzel, Jr., Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:15:50 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLUM)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:16:50 Rep. Paul Fielder
15:17:07 Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent
15:18:58 Vice Chair Steven Galloway
15:19:10 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
15:21:20 Rep. Greg Kmetz
15:25:40 Jade Bahr, MBPC

Closing Statement:

15:28:30 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 394.

HEARING ON HB 395 – Improve school district consultation with American Indian tribes

Opening Statement:

15:30:40 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 395, Improve school district consultation with American Indian tribes.

Proponent Testimony:

15:41:50 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus

15:47:25 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

15:50:03 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

15:15:50 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

15:53:28 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:54:50 Rep. Larry Brewster

15:55:00 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

16:00:50 Rep. Bob Phalen

16:03:58 Rep. Paul Fielder

16:04:59 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

16:08:00 Chair Katie Zolnikov

16:08:27 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

16:21:40 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 395.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:23:29

Lucinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: EXHIBIT(230213FEH)