

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair David Bedey-R, on February 15, 2023 at 8:35 AM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. David Bedey, Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Staff Present: Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Alice Hecht, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Megan Maule, Secretary
Julia Pattin, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

- 08:36:03 **Committee Discussion:** Chair Bedey
- 08:36:07 [EXHIBIT\(230215JEHa1\)](#)
- 08:36:52 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1, DP2, DP3, DP20, DP30, DP222, DP223, DP99. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:43:41 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP601. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:44:56 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP604. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:46:12 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP605. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:46:40 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP612. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:48:46 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP613. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:49:22 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP614. Sen. Fuller voted no. Sen. Esp voted no. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried 6 -2 by voice vote. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:50:10 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP21. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:50:48 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP618. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:52:16 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP619 and DP620. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:53:16 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP903. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:53:24 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP904. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:54:16 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP907. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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- 08:54:50 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP910. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:55:28 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP911. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:56:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP914. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:59:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP920. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:04:38 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP926. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried 6 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, voting no.
- 09:06:14 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt Language (OPI). Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:07:36 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP917. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:17:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keough moved to adopt DP915. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion failed 5 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Keogh, Rep. Windy Boy, Sen. Morigeau, voting yes.
- 09:22:26 Sen. Esp has left
- 09:33:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Windy Boy moved to adopt DP617. Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp. voted by proxy. Motion tied 4 - 4 roll call vote
- 09:38:30 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt HB2 Language (OPI Instructions 1,2,4,5 & 6). Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:44:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Windy Boy moved to adopt DP621. Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp. voted by proxy. Motion failed 5 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Keogh, Rep. Windy Boy, Sen. Morigeau, voting yes.
- 09:49:40 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt line items in local activities program in OPI. Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp. voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:50:24 **Recessed**
- 10:03:48 **Reconvened**

- 10:04:50 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP4. Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:05:20 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP5. Rep Jones and Sen. Esp voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:05:30 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP6 . Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:05:36 Sen. Esp has arrived
- 10:07:46 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP7. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:08:10 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt Language (Board of Education). Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:09:10 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP101. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:09:49 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP102. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:10:06 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP104. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:10:16 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP105. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Rep. Windy Boy voted no on motion to amend. Motion carried 7 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
- 10:14:08 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt motion to amend DP105 with an OTO designation. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:14:22 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP201. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:14:54 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP402 and DP404. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:20:58 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP403. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:21:26 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP405. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 10:22:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP408. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:24:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fuller moved to adopt DP406. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion failed 6-2 with roll call vote. Motion failed 6 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, voting yes.
- 10:27:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keough moved to adopt DP203. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion failed 5-3 with roll call vote. Motion failed 5 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Keough, Rep. Windy Boy, Sen. Morigeau, voting yes.
- 10:34:10 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved to adopt DP204.
- 10:36:18 Rep. Windy Boy withdrew motion to adopt DP204.
- 10:38:56 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP801. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:40:24 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP901. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:41:04 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP902. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:41:32 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP903. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:41:56 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP904. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:43:16 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1001. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:43:42 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1002. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:44:16 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1004. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:44:56 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1005. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:45:18 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1006. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:45:46 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1007. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 10:47:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1101. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 10:57:46 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP1103. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:02:02 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt Language for Commissioner of Higher Education. Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp. voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:06:00 Sen. Esp has left
- 11:07:40 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51506. Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:09:08 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51507. Rep. Jones and Sen. Esp. voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:10:12 Sen. Esp has arrived
- 11:10:52 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP8. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:11:16 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP10. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried 6 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, voting no.
- 11:18:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fuller moved to adopt DP9. Sen. Fuller moved to amend from \$400,000 to \$50,000. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion failed 6 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, voting yes.
- 11:22:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keough moved to adopt DP14. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion failed 5 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Keogh, Rep. Windy Boy, Sen. Morigeau, voting yes.
- 11:25:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved to amend DP9 with \$25,000 per year. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion failed 6 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, voting yes.
- 11:27:30 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt Language of the Montana State Library. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:29:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP4. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:29:28 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP5. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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- 11:29:54 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP6. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion tied 4 - 4 roll call vote
- 11:35:24 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt Language of the Montana Arts Council. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:36:50 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP 51701 Montana Heritage Center FTE. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried 7 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Fuller, voting no.
- 11:38:12 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51705 Funds switch O&M cost in the Administration Program in the Montana Historical Society. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:40:14 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51707 Temporary Location Rent & the Moving Cost in the Montana Historical Society. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:41:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51701 Montana Heritage FTE in the Montana Historical Society. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried 7 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Fuller, voting no.
- 11:41:48 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51705 Funds Switch O & M Cost in the Research Center Program in the Montana Historical Society. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:42:12 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51706. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:42:40 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51701 Montana Heritage Center FTE in the Museum Program in the Montana Historical Society. . Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:46:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51705 Funds Switch O & M cost in the Montana Historical Society . Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:46:30 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP51701 Montana Heritage Center FTE in the Education Program of the Montana Historical Society . Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:47:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Windy Boy moved to adopt DP4. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion failed 5 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Keogh, Rep. Windy Boy, Sen. Morigeau, voting yes.

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- 11:51:46 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt Language for the Montana Historical Society. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:52:30 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP7. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:53:20 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP6. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:54:02 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP10. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:54:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fuller moved to amend DP13 to \$25,000 per year for the Student Group & Activity Travel. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:06:46 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to strike OTO from DP10. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:07:14 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP4. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:07:40 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP5. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:08:00 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP8. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:08:21 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP9. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:08:50 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP14. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried 7 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Esp, voting no.
- 12:12:52 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt DP12. Rep. Jones voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:13:20 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Salomon moved to adopt Language for the Montana School for the Deaf & Blind. Rep. Jones voted by proxy.
- 12:14:18 **Committee Discussion:** Chair Bedey
- 12:14:40 Sen. John Esp
- 12:15:00 Katie Guenther
- 12:15:06 Chair David Bedey

12:15:20 Rep. Connie Keogh

12:16:32 Chair David Bedey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:16:40

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Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230215JEHaad\)](#)