

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones-R, on February 23, 2023 at 10:11 AM, in Room 102

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. David Bedey (R)  
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)  
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Rep. Joe Read (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. Terry Falk (R)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)  
Rep. Naarah Hastings (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:

Executive Action:

HB 226 DO PASS  
HB 268 TO TABLE  
HB 362 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 398 DO PASS  
HB 408 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226 - Generally revise pension laws**

10:14:49 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 226 DO PASS.**

10:15:16 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Tuss moved that **HB 226 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:15:04 Rep. Falk joined the meeting.

10:15:29 Rep. Paul Tuss

10:16:38 Rep. Terry Moore

10:18:50 Rep. David Bedey

10:21:36 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:22:08 Rep. Jim Hamilton

08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 9 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.  
Rep. Caferro, By Proxy

10:29:17 **Motion:** Rep. Jim Hamilton moved that **HB 226 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:31:42 Rep. Terry Moore

10:33:18 Rep. Jim Hamilton

08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 16 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.  
Rep. Caferro, By Proxy

10:35:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 226 DO PASS.**

08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.  
Rep. Caferro, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 268 - Establish a child tax credit through the individual income tax**

10:36:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 268 DO PASS.**

10:37:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 268 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:37:26 Chair Llew Jones

- 10:38:34 Rep. Bill Mercer
- 10:38:46 Rep. Hastings and Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.
- 10:40:39 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
- 10:40:41 Chair Llew Jones
- 10:42:04 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
- 08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.  
Rep. Caferro, By Proxy
- 10:44:24 **Motion:** Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 268 BE AMENDED.**
- 08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Nave, Rep. Regier, voting no.  
Rep. Regier, By Proxy
- 10:53:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 268 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 10:54:09 Rep. Jerry Schillinger
- 10:54:11 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
- 08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Jones, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Read, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
- 10:56:47 **Motion:** Chair Llew Jones moved that **HB 268 TO TABLE.**
- 08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by voice vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Jones, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Read, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 362 - Revise laws related to the crisis intervention team training program**

- 10:57:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 362 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

- 10:58:48 Rep. Jane Gillette
- 10:59:31 Julie Johnson
- 11:00:56 Rep. Jane Gillette
- 11:01:42 Chair Llew Jones

11:02:12 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy  
11:03:01 Chair Llew Jones  
11:03:46 Rep. Jane Gillette  
11:04:00 **Motion:** Rep. Jane Gillette moved that **HB 362 BE AMENDED.**  
11:04:13 **Substitute Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 362 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:05:47 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:06:50 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy  
11:07:26 Rep. Jane Gillette  
08:39:30 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
11:07:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 362 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:08:02 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:09:35 Rep. Fiona Nave  
11:11:24 Rep. Bill Mercer  
11:11:54 Vice Chair Bob Keenan  
11:12:16 Rep. Jim Hamilton  
08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Jones, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Regier, Rep. Schillinger, voting no.  
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 398 - Define recidivism for executive branch and judicial branch reporting**

11:15:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 398 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:15:21 Rep. Hopkins and Rep. Schillinger stepped out briefly and missed the vote on HB 398 before returning to the meeting.  
11:15:52 Rep. Jim Hamilton

08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.  
Rep. Caferro, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408 - Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits**

11:17:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 408 DO PASS.**

11:18:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**

08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:19:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 408 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:20:20 Rep. Jim Hamilton

11:21:32 Rep. Falk left the meeting.

11:24:15 Rep. David Bedey

11:25:08 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:39:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Schillinger, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.  
Rep. Caferro, By Proxy

11:27:51 Chair Jones

11:32:04 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Windy Boy, and Rep. Nave left the meeting.

11:32:32 Susie Lindsay, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

11:34:42 [EXHIBIT\(230223APHa1\)](#)

11:34:49 [EXHIBIT\(230223APHa2\)](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:49:30

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Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230223APHaad\)](#)