

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Fred Anderson-R, on February 28, 2023 at 5:53 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. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)

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:

Executive Action:

HB 535 DO PASS AS AMENDED

Committee Discussion:

17:55:30 Rep. Fred Anderson
17:56:13 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
17:56:55 Rep. Fred Anderson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 535 - Revising education laws to provide a definition of "financial literacy"

17:57:02 **Motion:** Rep. Sherry Essmann moved that **HB 535 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**
17:57:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Matthews, Rep. Romano, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Thane, voting no.
17:58:58 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 535 DO PASS.**
17:59:10 **Motion:** Rep. Braxton Mitchell moved that **HB 535 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:59:38 Rob Stutz, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
18:00:45 Rep. Linda Reksten
18:01:22 Rob Stutz, OPI
18:03:10 Rep. Linda Reksten
18:03:51 Rob Stutz, OPI
18:04:34 Rep. Sherry Essmann
18:04:46 Rep. Mark Thane
18:04:49 Rep. Sherry Essmann
17:59:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
18:05:34 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 535 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

18:05:45 Rep. Eric Matthews
18:06:48 Rep. Mark Thane

18:08:24 Rep. Sherry Essmann
18:08:42 Rob Stutz, OPI
18:08:49 Rep. Sherry Essmann
18:09:12 Elsie Arntzen, Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction (Superintendent)
18:11:05 Rep. Sherry Essmann
18:11:12 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent
18:12:05 Rep. Fred Anderson
18:12:34 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent
18:14:28 Rep. Eric Matthews
18:15:10 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Eric Matthews moved that **HB 535 TO TABLE.**
18:15:10 **Vote:** Substitute Motion failed 7 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Matthews, Rep. Romano, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Thane, voting yes.
18:16:46 **Motion:** Rep. Linda Reksten moved that **HB 535 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
18:16:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Matthews, Rep. Romano, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Thane, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:18:11

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230228EDHaad\)](#)