

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

Call to Order: Chair Fred Anderson-R, on March 17, 2023 at 2:17 PM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Fred Anderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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:

SB 132 03/16/2023

SB 374 03/16/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 132 - Revise agricultural education laws

Opening Statement:

14:19:28 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 132, Revise agricultural education laws.

Discussion:

14:20:57 Chair Anderson turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Reksten.

14:21:26 Rep. Anderson left the meeting

Proponent Testimony:

14:21:29 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:23:15 Nancy Hall, Senior Budget Analyst, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning, Montana Governor's Office (OBPP)

Questions from Committee:

14:23:31 Rep. Mark Thane

14:24:06 Sen. Becky Beard-R

14:24:22 Nancy Hall, OBPP

14:24:50 Rep. James Bergstrom

14:25:27 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

14:25:34 Nancy Hall, OBPP

14:26:00 Vice Chair Linda Reksten

14:26:29 Nancy Hall, OBPP

14:29:59 Rep. James Bergstrom

Closing Statement:

14:31:09 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 132.

Discussion:

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14:32:51 Rep. Sherry Essmann joined the meeting.

14:34:38 **Recessed**

14:37:47 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON SB 374 - Revise local government public document retention

Opening Statement:

14:37:54 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 374, Revise local government public document retention.

Proponent Testimony:

14:39:18 Marty Rehbein, City Clerk and Records Manager, City of Missoula, Chair of Local Government Records Committee (LGRC)

14:43:49 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula

14:44:34 Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director and General Counsel, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

14:46:23 Sam Forstag, City of Bozeman and also representing City of Billings, Montana

14:46:58 Elizabeth Roos, Town Clerk, West Yellowstone, Montana

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

14:48:20 Vice Chair Linda Reksten
14:48:52 Marty Rehbein, LGRC
14:50:02 Vice Chair Linda Reksten
14:50:29 Thomas Jodoin, MLCT
14:51:57 Marty Raybein, LGRC
14:53:37 Rep. Sherry Essmann
14:54:00 Marty Rehbein, LGRC
14:55:21 Sen. Willis Curdy-D

Closing Statement:

14:55:57 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 49, closed the hearing on SB 374.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:58:10

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230317EDHaad\)](#)