

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

Call to Order: Chair Fred Anderson-R, on March 24, 2023 at 2:16 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. Lee Deming (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. Sherry Essmann (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:

HB 833 03/17/2023

Executive Action:

HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 8
SB 10
SB 132
SB 213
SB 289
SB 374
SB 444

SB 480
HB 833 DO PASS AS AMENDED

14:18:59 **Recessed**

14:21:02 Rep. Essmann has arrived

14:47:01 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 749 - Revise Montana digital academy laws

14:47:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 749 DO PASS.**

14:48:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 749 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:49:34 Rep. Eric Matthews

14:50:06 Rep. Mark Thane

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Matthews, voting no.

14:51:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 749 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:51:20 Rep. Mark Thane

14:52:32 Rep. Eric Matthews

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Matthews, Rep. Romano, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Thane, voting no.

14:54:53 Rep. Bertoglio has left

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8 - Revise transformational learning program laws

14:54:56 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 8 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:55:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 8 BE AMENDED.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:57:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 8 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:57:50 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Linda Reksten

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 10 - Clarify school finance laws related to general fund levies

14:59:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 10 BE CONCURRED IN.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:59:13 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Fred Anderson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 132 - Revise agricultural education laws

15:00:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 132 BE CONCURRED IN.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:00:36 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. James Bergstrom

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 213 - Revise laws related to school safety teams

15:01:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 213 BE CONCURRED IN.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Ler, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, voting no.
Rep. Ler, By Proxy

15:01:47 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Melissa Romano

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 289 - Allow tuition waivers for qualified survivors of firefighters and peace officers

15:03:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 289 BE CONCURRED IN.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:03:59 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Eric Matthews

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 374 - Revise local government public document retention

15:05:27 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 374 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:05:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 374 BE AMENDED.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:06:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 374 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, voting no.
Rep. Ler, By Proxy

15:06:43 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Mark Thane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 444 - Generally revise labor laws related to work-based learning

15:08:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 444 BE CONCURRED IN.**

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:08:19 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 480 - Remove opt in requirement for student contact information on ACT test

15:09:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **SB 480 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:10:18 Rep. Essmann

15:10:57 Chair Fred Anderson

15:11:51 Rep. Mark Thane

15:12:31 Chair Fred Anderson

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Deming, Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, voting no.
Rep. Ler, By Proxy

15:09:36 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio

HEARING ON HB 833 - Establish teacher residency program

Opening Statement:

15:19:20 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 833, Establish teacher residency program.

Proponent Testimony:

15:23:08 Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:24:02 Amy Piazzola, Cayuse Prairie School Superintendent, Proxy Proponent presented by Deputy Superintendent Allen

- 15:25:24 Shannon Limburs, Third grade teacher/leader, Proxy Proponent presented by Deputy Superintendent Allen
- 15:28:02 Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)
- 15:31:39 Sarah Piper, Director of Public Policy and Research, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
- 15:32:42 Preston Wenz, Superintendent, Trout Creek, Montana

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

- 15:36:25 Rep. Mark Thane
- 15:36:58 Rep. Brad Barker-R
- 15:37:12 Sharyl Allen, OPI
- 15:38:29 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe left the meeting.
- 15:39:08 Rep. Essmann
- 15:39:31 Rep. Brad Barker-R
- 15:40:13 Sharyl Allen, OPI
- 15:45:05 Rep. Melissa Romano
- 15:45:49 Sharyl Allen, OPI

Closing Statement:

- 15:48:17 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 833.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 833 - Establish teacher residency program

- 15:52:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 833 DO PASS.**

15:52:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 833 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:53:07 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:53:17 Chair Fred Anderson

15:54:02 Rep. Mark Thane

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:54:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 833 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:56:11 Rep. Mark Thane

15:56:26 Rep. Barker

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:57:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HB 833 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:57:52 Rep. Lee Deming

15:58:35 Rep. Melissa Romano

13:02:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:00:03

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230324EDHaad\)](#)