

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on March 27, 2023 at 3:06 PM, in Room 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 380 TO TABLE
HB 382 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 407 TO TABLE
HB 424 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 526 TO TABLE
HB 649 POSTPONE
CONSIDERATION UNTIL NEW
FISCAL NOTE IS READY
HB 822 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 835 DO PASS AS AMENDED

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 380 - Establish a grant funding program to support homelessness care providers

15:08:46 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 380 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:09:05 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:09:20 Rep. Bedey and Rep. Hopkins left the meeting.

15:10:26 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:11:46 Rep. Jerry Schillinger

15:11:51 **Motion:** Rep. Jerry Schillinger moved that **HB 380 TO TABLE.**

15:11:51 **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. Keogh, Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 382 - Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations

15:13:30 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 382 DO PASS.**

15:13:53 **Motion:** Rep. Bill Mercer moved that **HB 382 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:14:59 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy joined the meeting.

15:13:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:17:37 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 382 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:17:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 407 - Provide for affordable housing abatements

15:18:22 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 407 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:18:26 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:18:30 Rep. Joe Read joined the meeting.

15:20:52 **Motion:** Rep. Jim Hamilton moved that **HB 407 BE AMENDED.**

15:20:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:21:55 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 407 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:22:02 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:23:37 Rep. Terry Falk

15:24:55 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:21:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
Rep. Keogh, By Proxy

15:27:37 **Motion:** Rep. Llew Jones moved that **HB 407 TO TABLE.**

15:27:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Keogh, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 424 - Generally revise sustainability of state finance and provide for transfers

15:28:02 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 424 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:30:39 Quinn Holzer

15:31:22 Chair Llew Jones

15:31:46 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 424 BE AMENDED.**

15:31:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:35:21 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 424 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:35:34 Rep. Terry Moore

15:38:29 Chair Llew Jones

15:38:49 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

15:39:17 Rep. Terry Falk

15:39:31 Rep. Terry Moore

15:40:30 Chair Llew Jones

15:40:45 Rep. Jerry Schillinger

15:41:53 Rep. Terry Moore

15:42:47 Rep. Bedey joined the meeting.

15:35:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:43:12 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 424 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:43:27 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:44:31 Chair Llew Jones

15:45:29 Julie Johnson

15:45:40 Chair Llew Jones

15:45:54 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:46:25 Chair Llew Jones

15:46:51 Rep. Terry Moore

15:48:39 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:49:35 Rep. Terry Falk

15:43:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Falk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Schillinger, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, voting no.
Rep. Keogh, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 526 - Repeal state tax on social security income

15:52:16 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 526 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:52:45 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

15:52:54 **Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 526 TO TABLE.**

15:52:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Nave, Rep. Read, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 649 - Implement rates from provider rate study

15:54:14 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 649 DO PASS.**

15:54:26 **Motion:** Rep. Mary Caferro moved that **HB 649 BE AMENDED.**

15:54:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:56:39 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 649 POSTPONE CONSIDERATION UNTIL NEW FISCAL NOTE IS READY.**

15:56:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 822 - Generally revise school-based mental health services

15:57:19 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 822 DO PASS.**

15:57:22 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 822 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:58:23 Vice Chair Caferro left the meeting.

16:04:50 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

16:06:52 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:07:18 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

16:09:48 Chair Llew Jones

16:10:03 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:10:21 Rep. Bill Mercer

16:10:50 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

16:11:03 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:11:49 Rep. Bill Mercer

16:12:43 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

16:13:44 Rep. Keogh joined the meeting.

16:14:56 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:57:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:17:05 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 822 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:17:45 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:17:05 **Vote:** Motion failed 21 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Mercer, Rep. Read, voting yes.

16:19:24 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 822 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:19:35 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

16:21:18 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

16:19:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 835 - Create Medicaid and 24/7 contingency fund

- 16:23:19 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 835 DO PASS.**
- 16:23:31 **Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 835 BE AMENDED.**
- 16:23:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:25:18 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 835 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 16:25:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:27:58

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327APHbad\)](#)