

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

Call to Order: Chair Fred Anderson-R, on April 26, 2023 at 2:59 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. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Staff Present: Rose Harmon, Secretary
Amanda Persons, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Laura Sankey Keip, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 25 04/25/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 25 DO PASS
HB 837 TO TABLE

HEARING ON HJ 25 - Request interim study of school funding

Opening Statement:

15:01:07 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HJ 25, Request interim study of school funding.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:03:00 Vice Chair Linda Reksten

15:03:15 Rep. Brad Barker-R

15:03:41 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:03:55 Rep. Brad Barker-R

15:04:56 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:05:09 Rep. Brad Barker-R

15:05:39 Rep. James Bergstrom

15:06:32 Rep. Brad Barker-R

Closing Statement:

15:07:38 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HJ 25.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 25 - Request interim study of school funding

15:08:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Linda Reksten moved that **HJ 25 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:08:14 Rep. Mark Thane

15:09:07 Chair Fred Anderson

15:10:25 Rep. Lee Deming

15:10:44 Rep. Mark Thane

15:08:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 837 - Require curriculum transparency in K-12 education

15:12:00 **Motion:** Rep. Eric Matthews moved that **HB 837 DO PASS.**

15:13:03 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Eric Matthews moved that **HB 837 TO TABLE.**

15:13:03 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:18:12

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230426EDHaad\)](#)