

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Fred Anderson-R, on January 20, 2023 at 3:03 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. Brandon Ler (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)

**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 181 01/16/2023  
HB 231 01/16/2023  
HB 240 01/16/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 181 - Revise laws related to the superintendent of public instruction**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:23 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 181, Revise laws related to the superintendent of public instruction.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:06:37 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:08:27 Rep. Eric Matthews  
15:09:13 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:10:07 Rep. Melissa Romano  
15:10:29 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:11:11 Rep. Melissa Romano  
15:11:52 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:13:05 Rep. Mark Thane  
15:13:32 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:13:47 Rep. Sherry Essmann (R) joined the meeting  
15:13:49 Rep. Mark Thane  
15:14:05 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:14:56 Rep. James Bergstrom

15:15:21 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:15:46 Rep. James Bergstrom  
15:16:03 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:16:33 Rep. Eric Matthews  
15:17:28 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:17:59 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
15:18:24 Rep. Linda Reksten-R  
15:18:42 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
15:19:25 Rep. Linda Reksten-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:20:45 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, closed the hearing on HB 181.

**HEARING ON HB 231 - Eliminate certification standards and practices advisory council**

**Opening Statement:**

15:21:53 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 231, Eliminate certification standards and practices advisory council.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:23:07 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Education Advisor, Montana Governor's Office (GOV)

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:27:49 Jenny Murnane Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized For Education (MOFE)  
15:29:34 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
15:31:08 Kelly Elder, Professional Educator

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:36:51            McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education, Administrator  
for the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council for the  
Board of Public Education (CSPAC)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:37:11            Rep. Mark Thane

15:39:01            Dylan Klapmeier, GOV

15:40:11            Rep. Linda Reksten

15:40:29            McCall Flynn, BPE

15:41:22            Rep. Mark Thane

15:42:18            Rep. Brandon Ler-R

15:43:00            Rep. Mark Thane

15:43:22            Rep. Brandon Ler-R

15:44:06            Rep. James Bergstrom

15:45:14            Dylan Klapmeier, GOV

15:46:34            Rep. James Bergstrom

15:47:32            Dylan Klapmeier, GOV

15:48:08            Rep. Tyson Running Wolf

15:49:07            Kelly Elder, Educator

15:50:28            Rep. Melissa Romano

15:50:55            McCall Flynn, BPE

15:53:19            Rep. Melissa Romano

15:53:34            McCall Flynn, BPE

15:54:11            Rep. Linda Reksten

15:54:42            McCall Flynn, BPE

15:55:54            Rep. Eric Matthews

15:56:18 McCall Flynn, BPE  
15:56:36 Rep. Eric Matthews  
15:57:01 McCall Flynn, BPE  
15:57:18 Rep. Melissa Romano  
15:57:50 Kelly Elder, Educator  
16:00:17 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
16:00:41 Kelly Elder, Educator  
16:01:36 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
16:02:34 Dylan Klapmeier, GOV  
16:05:55 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
16:06:19 Rep. Eric Matthews  
16:07:06 Dylan Klapmeier, GOV  
16:08:19 Rep. Eric Matthews  
16:09:09 Dylan Klapmeier, GOV  
16:11:18 Rep. Sherry Essmann-R  
16:11:30 Dylan Klapmeier, GOV  
16:12:00 Rep. Sherry Essmann-R  
16:12:33 Dylan Klapmeier, GOV

**Closing Statement:**

16:13:05 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 231.

**HEARING ON HB 240 - Revise outdated reference for family education savings program laws**

**Opening Statement:**

16:13:46 Rep. Mark Thane (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 240, Revise outdated reference for family education savings program laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:15:49 Rep. Mark Thane (D), HD 99, closed the hearing on HB 240.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:16:19

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Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230120EDHaad\)](#)