



EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

September 12, 2023
Capitol Room 317 / Zoom
Helena, Montana

Joint Meeting Between the Education Interim Committee and the Education Interim Budget Committee – Section E

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Daniel Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. John Fuller (R)

STAFF PRESENT:

Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney
Bethany McDowell James, Secretary
Julia Pattin, LFD Fiscal Analyst

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

VISITOR'S LIST [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

ROLL CALL FOR THE EDUCATION INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE

13:01:45 Chair Salomon called the meeting to order at 13:01:45. The committee secretary took roll.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE INITIATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY (DLI)

13:03:43 Sarah Swanson, Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
[EXHIBIT1](#)

13:05:03 Rep. Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

13:09:52 Sen. Morigeau joined the meeting.

Committee Questions/Discussion

13:15:31 Rep. Bedey

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OPI) ASSESSMENT UPDATES

Montana Alternative Student Testing (MAST)

13:18:26 Krystal Smith, Education Innovation Manager, OPI
[EXHIBIT2](#)

Summative Assessment Results for 2022-2023

13:23:50 Cedar Rose, Assessment Director, OPI
[EXHIBIT3](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

13:28:10 Rep. Reksten

13:28:25 Cedar Rose (See exhibit 3)

13:29:48 Chair Salomon

13:31:12 Rep. Bedey

13:31:51 Rep. Reksten

13:34:40 Cedar Rose (See exhibit 3)

13:36:16 Chair Salomon

13:36:43 Rep. Jones

13:38:45 Cedar Rose (See exhibit 3)

HB 949 UPDATE: EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DATA GOVERNANCE

13:39:40 Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration (DOA)

HB 332 UPDATE: SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

Review of Bill Basics

13:41:45 Pad McCracken, Lead Staff, EDIC
[EXHIBIT4](#)

State Auditor Role

13:43:48 Frank Cote, Government Affairs, State Auditor's Office
[EXHIBIT5](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

13:47:21 Rep. Bedey
13:48:11 Sen. McClafferty

School District Efforts to Date

13:49:26 Brad Moore, Assistant Superintendent, Havre Public Schools
13:51:45 Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business and Operations, Bozeman School District

Committee Questions/Discussion

13:55:04 Rep. Windy Boy
13:57:36 Sen. McClafferty

REVIEW NEW PROGRAM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER HB 946

Comparison of Existing and New Reporting Requirements

13:58:46 Pad McCracken
[EXHIBIT6](#)

Discussion of HB 946 Reporting Requirements with OPI

14:01:20 Krystal Smith
[EXHIBIT7](#)
14:05:10 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, OPI (See exhibit 7)

RECESS

14:09:13 Reconvened at 14:25:00.

OPI UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF HB 287: REVISIONS TO MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM (MILP)

14:25:00 Brenton Craggs, Attorney, OPI
[EXHIBIT8](#)
14:27:59 Matthew Bell, Language and Culture Specialist, OPI

Committee Questions/Discussion

14:28:58 Rep. Windy Boy

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN MONTANA

Review of "Constitutional Players" Work and Related 2023 Legislation

14:38:12 Pad McCracken
[EXHIBIT9](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:00:56 Rep. Jones

15:05:06 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

15:06:47 Rep. Windy Boy

Outcomes of Proficiency-Based Education (PBE) Appropriation to Montana State University (MSU)

15:10:28 Tricia Seifert, Dean, College of Education, Health, and Human Development at Montana State University (MSU)

[EXHIBIT10](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:28:40 Rep. Bedey

15:35:34 Rep. Jones

15:38:48 Sen. Esp

15:41:35 Rep. Jones

15:42:49 Rep. Reksten

Pivoting to PBE Amidst the Pandemic

15:45:13 Leanne Lorenz, Middle School Math Teacher, Bozeman Public Schools

[EXHIBIT11](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

16:03:25 Rep. Jones

16:03:38 Rep. Romano

A Transformational Vision for Education in the US

16:08:55 Kelly Young, President and Founder, Education Reimagined

[EXHIBIT12](#)

16:32:00 Sarah Bishop-Root, Partner for Policy Leadership, Education Reimagined

Public Comment on any topic within the committee's jurisdiction

16:33:18 Gary Lusin, Bozeman School Trustee

Committee Discussion of Ongoing Collaboration for the Interim

16:34:48 Rep. Bedey

16:36:09 Chair Salomon

16:36:36 Rep. Jones

16:40:18 Rep. Reksten

16:41:22 Rep. Vinton

16:42:03 Rep. Jones

16:44:24 Sen. Esp

16:45:24 Rep. Jones

16:47:06 Rep. Keogh

16:47:40 Sen. Morigeau

CLOSING REMARKS

16:49:44 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

16:50:04 Chair Salomon adjourned the meeting at 16:50:04