

## SAM LN23 Update, Feb 19-20 & Call to Action

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### Hello SAM Legislative Network Members.

(A reminder that our SAM LN23 zoom meeting will be Tuesday, Feb 21 at Noon. Here is the SAM zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3923446729>)

We have a busy week coming up with bills. Attached is a list of bills scheduled for Feb 20 - Feb 27 (excel document and notes document).

### CALL TO ACTION: Charter Bills (Please do this asap)

Both charter school bills will be heard in House Education on Monday at 3pm. We could use your help in opposing one and supporting the other. Below is some info from MTSBA to help you frame your comments. A reminder, you can use the "have your say" link on the MT Legislature website to email the committee. Here is the link: <https://leg.mt.gov/web-messaging/>. I have also posted the committee members at the bottom of this email.

**The Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools asks you to reach out to the House Education Committee and urge their support for HB 549 (sponsored by Rep. Fred Anderson) and opposition to HB 562 (sponsored by Rep. Sue Vinton).**

#### HB 549 Background Information

**HB 549** - (Monday, 3pm) Support - This bill was drafted with the support and consensus by the partners of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools. The Board of Public Education would be responsible for evaluating charter proposals and evaluating nonrenewal or closure. A charter school not governed by the local school board would be required to create a governing board that is publicly elected and composed of a majority of members being qualified electors of the county in which the school is located.

#### HB 562 Background Information

**HB 562** - (Monday, 3pm) Oppose - This bill would authorize the creation of charter schools authorized by a charter school and essentially unaccountable to a locally elected school board or the Board of Public Education. Charter schools authorized by their bill would not be "subject to the provisions of Title 20 or any state or local rule, regulation, policy, or procedure relating to traditional public schools within an applicable traditional local school." HB 562 would allow the charter school to contract with a for-profit education management organization or company for "substantial educational services, management services, or both."

#### **Here are a few other bills of note:**

**SB 337:** (Monday, 3pm) Parents Rights bill. SAM and CAMPS will oppose and suggest some amendments that may help to improve this bill. Here are some concerns: requires additional school district policies covering procedures of informing parents, requires written opt-in for human sexuality instruction, amends compulsory attendance code, amends interference with fundamental parental rights restricted cause of action code, among other changes.

**SB373:** (Monday, 3pm) Alternative Teacher Licensure bill. This bill provides flexibility in teacher licensure, similar to those updated in Chapter 57 of ARM this past year. SAM and CAMPS have some suggested amendments - specifically the ability for MUS Teacher Prep programs to also develop these alternative licensure programs.

**SB306:** (Wednesday, 3pm) MHSA bill: This bill impacts MHSA, this bill would prohibit the use of accreditation status as a condition of membership in MHSA for extracurricular activities. SAM and CAMPS will oppose this bill.

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