

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 21, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Michael Lange

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

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: HB 732, SB 123
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 732

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:52 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D), HD 42, opened the
hearing on HB 732, Teacher Housing Incentive Program.
00:04:19 Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division
00:07:23 Rep. Small-Eastman

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:26 Spencer Johnson, Montana native, Teaching in
Phoenix, AZ
00:10:01 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana
00:11:03 Linda Brannen, Indian Teacher Representative

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:11:47 Bruce Brensdal, Housing Administrator, Department of
Commerce

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:37 Rep. O'Hara
00:12:43 Mr. Brensdal
00:13:33 Rep. O'Hara
00:13:38 Mr. Brensdal
00:14:16 Rep. Everett
00:14:27 Mr. Brensdal
00:14:35 Rep. Everett
00:15:00 Mr. Brensdal
00:15:41 Rep. Everett
00:15:55 Mr. Brensdal
00:16:42 Rep. Lake
00:17:45 Mr. Brensdal
00:18:18 Rep. Lake
00:18:41 Mr. Brensdal
00:19:12 Mr. Lake
00:20:03 Mr. Brensdal
00:20:33 Rep. Hamilton
00:21:24 Rep. Small-Eastman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:51 Rep. Small-Eastman

HEARING ON SB 123**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:06 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 123, Full-time kindergarten.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:23 Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction

EXHIBIT (edh60a01)

EXHIBIT (edh60a02)

00:39:29 Josh Middleton, Laurel Superintendent of Schools

00:43:19 Terri Middagh, Helena Teacher

EXHIBIT (edh60a03)

00:47:35 Andrea Carroll, Parent

EXHIBIT (edh60a04)

00:50:40 Rep. Bill Jones, Big Fork Former School Board Member

00:51:02 Judy Bovington, Parent

EXHIBIT (edh60a05)

00:55:35 Kelly Swanson, Parent

00:56:33 Rick Edwards, President, Montana Economic Developers Association

EXHIBIT (edh60a06)

00:58:25 Katy Wright, Helena Teacher

00:59:49 Margaret Hollow, Helena School System Volunteer Grandmother

01:02:31 Craig Barringer, Conrad K-8 Principal

01:03:56 Lonnie Yingst, Great Falls Elementary School Assistant Superintendent

01:06:57 Janet Houston, Parent

01:09:09 Chuck Schermele, Representative, Lewis & Clark and Great Falls School Districts

01:10:55 Ann Martinez, Great Falls School System Trustee

01:12:22 Garla Boland, Representative, Montana PTA

01:12:45 Karrie Pepos, Kindergarten Student

01:13:15 Sandy Pepos, Parent

01:14:07 Angela Costley, Parent

01:14:39 Andrea Chrapowitzky, Laurel Kindergarten Principal

EXHIBIT (edh60a07)

01:15:43 Kim Martin, Parent

01:16:21 Kevin Bokovoy, Parent

01:16:48 Scott Sargent, Parent

01:17:33 Michelle Schweyen, Parent

01:18:11 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

EXHIBIT (edh60a08)

01:18:43 Stuart Nicholson, Great Falls School System Trustee
01:19:55 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana
01:20:09 Jan Lombardi, Education Policy Advisor, Office of the
Governor

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a10\)](#)

01:20:41 Jamie Palagi, Department of Health and Human Services

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a11\)](#)

01:20:52 Sandy Courier-O'Lockey, Parent

01:21:46 Kim Spiroff, Parent

01:22:02 Steve Meloy, Board of Public Education

01:22:14 Erik Burke, Montana Education Association/Montana
Federation of Teachers

01:22:25 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public School Superintendent

01:23:25 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a12\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:23:56 Pamela Choc, Parent

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a13\)](#)

01:29:44 Mary Thompson, Parent and Former Teacher

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a14\)](#)

01:46:27 Beth Emter, Parent

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a15\)](#)

01:48:55 Beth Stockton, Parent

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a16\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

02:00:12 Claudette Morton, Montana Small Schools Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:46 Rep. Raser

02:01:56 Mr. Messenger

02:02:51 Rep. Raser

02:02:55 Mr. Middleton

02:03:00 Rep. Raser

02:03:46 Mr. Middleton

02:04:06 Rep. Raser

02:04:38 Ms. McCulloch

02:06:14 Rep. Raser

02:06:31 Ms. Choc

02:07:10 Rep. Blake

02:07:25 Mr. Messenger

02:08:07 Rep. Lake

02:08:42 Mr. Messenger

02:09:22 Rep. Koopman
02:10:14 Ms. McCulloch
02:10:44 Rep. Koopman
02:11:21 Ms. McCulloch
02:11:43 Rep. Koopman
02:12:38 Ms. McCulloch
02:12:54 Rep. Ward
02:13:00 Ms. McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:13 Sen. Williams

Additional Exhibits:

Document Pertaining to HB 123, Hearing Date 03/21/07

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a17\)](#)

Document Pertaining to HB 123, Hearing Date 03/21/07

[EXHIBIT \(edh60a18\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

02:14:40 Adjournment

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh60aad.pdf](#))