

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order:

Chairwoman WANDA GRINDE, on January 9, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, 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 & Date Posted: HB 38, 1/5/2009; HB 46, 1/5/2009

00:02:47 Chairwoman Grinde
00:03:55 Tamara Fisher, K12 Gifted Education Program
00:07:12 Chairwoman Grinde
00:07:17 Rep. Lake
00:07:44 Ms. Fisher
00:08:12 Rep. Lake
00:08:57 Ms. Fisher
00:09:24 Rep. Brown
00:09:45 Ms. Fisher
00:10:11 Chairwoman Grinde
00:10:30 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
00:27:50 Tyler Trevor, Associate Commissioner for Research,
Technology & communications, Commissioner's Office
00:34:50 Chairwoman Grinde
00:34:55 Rep. Wagner
00:35:14 Mr. Trevor
00:35:36 Chairwoman Grinde
00:35:40 Rep. McClafferty
00:36:18 Commissioner Stearns
00:37:03 Rep. McClafferty
00:37:09 Comm. Stearns
00:37:51 Rep. McClafferty
00:38:00 Commissioner Stearns
00:38:38 Rep. Butcher
00:39:50 Commissioner Stearns
00:40:32 Rep. Butcher
00:41:57 Commissioner Stearns
00:43:52 Rep. Butcher
00:44:50 Commissioner Stearns
00:46:29 Rep. Malek
00:47:15 Commissioner Stearns
00:48:50 Mr. Trevor
00:49:33 Rep. Malek
00:50:06 Mr. Trevor
00:51:06 Commissioner Stearns
00:51:47 Rep. Butcher
00:52:52 Mr. Trevor
00:53:16 Rep. Butcher
00:53:20 Chairwoman Grinde

HEARING ON HB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:39 **REP. MARGARETT CAMPBELL (D), HD 31**, opened the hearing on **HB 38**, Revise laws to reflect passage of 6 mill levy.

Proponents:

00:57:50 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

Opponents:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:56 Rep. Campbell

HEARING ON HB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:21 **REP. JOHN FLEMING (D), HD 12**, opened the hearing on **HB 46**, Change date for quality educator loan repayment assistance.

Proponents:

01:01:54 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction.

01:04:59 Rep Grinde

01:05:04 Bruce Marks, Director, Montana Student Loan Program

01:05:49 Chairwoman Grinde

Opponents:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:33 Rep. Malek
01:07:17 Ms. Quinlan
01:07:57 Chairwoman Grinde
01:08:01 Rep. Wagner
01:08:22 Ms. Quinlan
01:09:02 Rep. Wagner
01:09:09 Ms. Quinlan
01:09:35 Chairwoman Grinde

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:42 Rep. Fleming

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. WANDA GRINDE, Chairwoman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh05aad.pdf](#))