

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Scott Reichner, on March 4, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Reichner, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Kris Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Dan Whyte, Legislative Services Division

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: SB 66, 3/2/2011; SJ 8, 3/2/2011

00:00:03 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON SB 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:01 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 66, Revise laws governing establishment of community college districts.

00:3:35 Rep. McClafferty arrived.

00:04:11 Rep. Hansen arrived

00:04:19 Rep. Wilmer arrived.

00:05:02 Rep. Clark arrived.

00:07:42 Chairman Reichner

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:53 Cathy Swift, Montana University System (MUS)

00:11:40 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:54 Dan Villa, Education Policy Advisor to the Governor
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00:15:32 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:48 Rep. Washburn

00:15:57 Chairman Reichner

00:16:02 Rep. Washburn

00:16:16 Sen. Lake

00:17:03 Rep. Washburn

00:17:23 Sen. Lake

00:17:30 Chairman Reichner

00:17:50 Rep. Washburn

00:17:59 Chairman Reichner

00:18:21 Sen. Lake

00:18:49 Chairman Reichner

00:18:51 Rep. Wagner

00:19:34 Chairman Reichner

00:19:37 Sen. Lake

00:19:53 Rep. Blasdel arrived.

00:20:43 Rep. Wagner

00:21:23 Chairman Reichner

00:21:57 Rep. Blasdel left.

00:22:12 Rep. Wagner

00:22:20 Chairman Reichner
00:22:24 Sen. Lake
00:23:38 Rep. Blasdel returned.
00:23:49 Chairman Reichner
00:23:51 Rep. Malek
00:24:42 Sen. Lake
00:25:12 Rep. Malek
00:25:39 Sen. Lake
00:26:10 Rep. Malek
00:26:24 Kathy Swift, MUS
00:26:51 Rep. Malek
00:26:52 Kathy Swift, MUS
00:27:44 Chairman
00:27:50 Rep. McClafferty
00:28:05 Dan Villa
00:32:04 Chairman Reichner
00:32:58 Dan Villa
00:33:56 Chairman Reichner
00:34:01 Rep. McNiven
00:34:41 Dan Villa
00:36:49 Rep. McNiven
00:37:23 Dan Villa
00:38:14 Rep. McNiven
00:38:28 Chairman
00:38:34 Rep. McNiven
00:38:46 Rep. Clark
00:38:58 Sen. Lake
00:39:03 Rep. Clark
00:39:11 Sen. Lake
00:39:15 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:20 Sen. Lake
00:39:44 Rep. McClafferty left.
00:41:36 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON SJ 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:13 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SJ 8, Resolution on urban-rural divide study by U-system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:37 Chairman Reichner
00:46:48 Sen. Peterson, SD 15
00:48:31 Rep. McClafferty returned.
00:52:57 Chairman Reichner
00:53:10 Doug Steele, MUS
00:54:51 Rep. Bennett left.
00:55:53 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:20 Rep. Wagner
00:56:34 Rep. McClafferty left.
00:56:39 Doug Steele, MUS
00:57:40 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:51 Sen. Hawks
00:58:54 Chairman Reichner
00:59:26 Chairman Reichner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:59:30

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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