

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Scott Reichner, on March 16, 2011 at 3:27 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Reichner, Chair (R)
Rep. Kris Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
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: Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, 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: HB 603, 3/8/2011

00:00:02 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 603

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:45 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 603, Provide for Public Charter Schools.

Proponents' Testimony

00:02:54 Rep. Clark arrived.

00:04:14 Chairman Reichner

00:05:48 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

[EXHIBIT\(edh59a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh59a02\)](#)

00:12:45 Chairman Reichner

00:13:02 Debra Lamm, MFF, MFF

00:18:31 Lisa Grover, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

00:26:49 Chairman Reichner

00:27:06 Theresa Lode

00:30:56 Chairman Reichner

00:31:03 Elaine Herman, Montana Eagle Forum

00:34:48 Rep. Wagner arrived.

00:36:16 Chairman Reichner

00:40:08 Barbara Rush

00:42:04 Becky Stockton

00:43:32 Chairman Reichner

00:43:36 Cyndi Forbes

00:45:03 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

[EXHIBIT\(edh59a03\)](#)

00:46:19 Rep. McClafferty arrived.

00:48:51 Chairman Reichner

00:49:04 Lori Page

00:50:06 Chairman Reichner

00:50:11 Rep. Michael More, HD 70

00:51:13 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:52:00 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction(OPI)

01:14:05 Chairman Reichner

01:14:15 Mary Gruby, Kalispell School Districts

01:16:14 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

01:16:36 Chairman Reichner

01:16:42 Darrell Rud, SAM

01:22:01 Chairman Reichner

01:22:11 Chris Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh59a04\)](#)

01:24:06 Barb Riley, Columbia Falls School District # 6
01:27:15 Chairman Reichner
01:27:23 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Quality Education Coalition
01:29:05 Chairman Reichner
01:29:11 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)
01:35:54 Chairman Reichner
01:35:59 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA-MFT)

EXHIBIT(edh59a05)

EXHIBIT(edh59a06)

01:48:04 Chairman Reichner
01:48:15 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools
01:51:13 Chairman Reichner
01:51:14 Bruce Messinger
01:51:54 Chairman Reichner
01:52:21 Denise Pizinni, Montana Teachers' Retirement System

EXHIBIT(edh59a07)

01:53:05 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:38 Rep. Clark
01:54:02 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:54:28 Rep. Clark
01:54:53 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:55:33 Rep. Clark
01:56:17 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:57:41 Chairman Reichner
01:57:46 Rep. Wilmer
01:57:55 Rep. Clark
01:58:05 Rep. Wilmer
01:58:27 Bruce Messinger
01:59:19 Rep. Bennett
01:59:41 Rep. Blasdel
02:00:27 Rep. Bennett
02:00:34 Rep. Blasdel
02:01:15 Rep. Blyton
02:02:00 Lisa Grover
02:03:37 Rep. Welborn
02:04:14 Debra Lamm, MFF
02:04:19 Rep. Welborn
02:04:24 Debra Lamm, MFF
02:04:38 Rep. Welborn
02:04:51 Debra Lamm, MFF
02:05:22 Chairman Reichner
02:05:27 Rep. Washburn
02:05:48 Lisa Grover
02:06:00 Rep. Washburn

02:06:01 Lisa Grover
02:06:14 Rep. Salomon
02:06:20 Rep. Blasdel
02:06:25 Rep. Salomon
02:06:46 Rep. Blasdel
02:06:55 Lisa Grover
02:07:55 Rep. Salomon
02:08:06 Chairman Reichner
02:08:09 Rep. Salomon
02:08:19 Lisa Grover
02:08:51 Rep. Salomon
02:09:21 Lisa Grover
02:09:33 Rep. Clark left.
02:11:31 Rep. Salomon
02:11:37 Chairman Reichner
02:11:49 Rep. Salomon
02:12:01 Dennis Parman, OPI
02:12:38 Rep. Salomon
02:12:52 Chairman Reichner
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02:13:08 Rep. Salomon
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02:14:47 Rep. Salomon
02:15:13 Debra Lamm, MFF
02:15:45 Rep. Hansen
02:16:42 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF
02:17:33 Chairman Reichner
02:17:40 Rep. Wagner
02:17:55 Lisa Grover
02:18:06 Rep. Wagner
02:18:15 Chairman Reichner
02:18:36 Rep. Wagner
02:18:47 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
02:18:51 Chairman Reichner
02:18:52 Rep. Wagner
02:19:22 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
02:20:57 Rep. Wagner
02:21:08 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
02:22:00 Chairman Reichner
02:22:05 Rep. McNiven
02:23:03 Rep. Blasdel
02:24:17 Rep. McNiven
02:25:13 Chairman Reichner
02:25:15 Rep. Blasdel
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02:30:23 Rep. Hansen
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02:45:55 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF
02:46:03 Rep. Wilmer
02:46:07 Jeff Laszloff, MFF
02:46:21 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:25 Rep. Blasdel
02:49:14 Chairman Reichner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:49:45

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(edh59a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh59a09\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(edh59aad.pdf\)](#)