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BUSINESS REPORT

MONTANA SENATE
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, March 22, 2013
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 472

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 313 - Revise school truancy laws - Rep. Casey Schreiner
SR 29 - Confirmation of appointees to the MHS Board of Trustees - Sen. Jim Peterson
SR 32 - Confirmation of appointees to Montana Arts Council - Sen. Jim Peterson

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SR 29 - ~~Do Pass~~ Be Adopted
SR 32 - ~~Do Pass~~ Be Adopted
SB 374 - Amended Only
SR 33 - Amended Only

Comments:



SEN. Jim Peterson, Chair



**PRELIMINARY
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Education and Cultural Resources** recommend that **Senate Resolution 29** (first reading copy -- white) **be adopted.**

Signed: _____

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Senator Jim Peterson, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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Senator Jim Peterson, Chair

- END -

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Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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Mr. President:

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Signed: _____

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Senator Jim Peterson, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Education and Cultural Resources** recommend that **Senate Resolution 32** (first reading copy -- white) be adopted.

Signed: _____

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Senator Jim Peterson, Chair

- END -

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Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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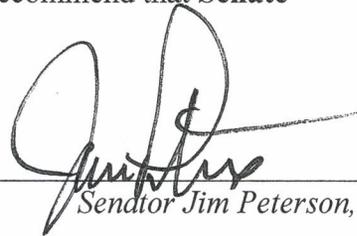
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Signed: _____


Senator Jim Peterson, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES & INSURANCE

MONICA J. LINDEEN
COMMISSIONER



OFFICE OF THE MONTANA
STATE AUDITOR



March 22, 2013

Dear Chairman Peterson and members of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Regent Pat Williams.

I am a fortunate graduate of the Montana University System. For me, like so many others in our state, the world-class education I received there changed the course of my life and my family's life forever. It changed my expectations and served as a bridge to a more solid economic footing for my family.

My story is not unique; you've probably heard one like it. Certainly, Pat Williams is no stranger to this story. He's seen first-hand how ordinary people can do extraordinary things through education. Williams began his career as a young teacher in Butte. He was a Montana legislator from 1967 to 1969. Later still, he was a Montana congressman, serving from 1979 until 1997.

As a congressman, Williams sat on the Education and Labor Committee and served as chairman of the Post-Secondary Education Committee. His legislative victories include passage of The College Middle Income Assistance Act, also known as the Student Loan Act.

Now – again -- Williams is a teacher, this time as a faculty member at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Throughout this long career, Williams has seen education at its most basic – as a glint of satisfaction in a student's eye when something finally "clicks." And he has seen education at its most complex – as policy and dollars and something that creates a path to the Middle Class for ordinary people. He knows education from the front door of the elementary school to the university stage where thousands of young Montanans shake hands with a professor each spring and get their hard-earned diplomas.

It's hard to imagine finding someone *more* qualified than Williams to sit on the Montana Board of Regents.

Respectfully, I urge you to confirm Pat Williams as regent for the Montana University System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica J. Lindeen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Monica J. Lindeen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Montana State Auditor



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

LINDA McCULLOCH

SR 33: Confirmation of Appointments to Board of Regents
March 20, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.
Senate Education Committee, RM 303
Secretary of State Linda McCulloch's Remarks

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and members of the Education Committee. For the record I'm Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State. I'm here to support all the Governor's appointees to the Board of Regents, and specifically to speak in support of Pat Williams' appointment.

I spent twenty years as an elementary school teacher and eight years as the Superintendent of Public Instruction, where I was the first Superintendent to take their seat on the Board of Regents. I have had eight seats at the University of Montana football games for over twenty years. I have rarely missed a game in all those years.

Pat Williams began his career as a teacher and completed it by being a teacher at the University of Montana. He was elected and re-elected to the Montana House of Representatives from Butte, America. He is recognized as serving more consecutive terms in the U.S. House of Representatives than anyone in the history of the State of Montana.

While there, he was a member of the Education and Labor Committee and chaired the committee on Postsecondary Education. As Chairman of the Postsecondary Education Committee, he championed the High School on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and the Two River Eagle School on the Flathead Reservation in Pablo. He was responsible for the legislative creation of the Rural Disabilities National Research Lab and the Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, both at the University of Montana. He also passed legislation for The Agriculture Plant Research Center at Montana State University.

He was a Senior Fellow and Regional Policy Associate at the Center for the Rocky Mountain West. He served as a Director for the National Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and was on the President's Advisory Commission for Tribal Colleges. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Student Loan Marketing Association.

Now, Pat Williams is appointed by Governor Brian Schweitzer as a member of the Board of Regents of the Montana University System. He has a resume that literally lives and breathes education. He's earned this appointment. There's no one more qualified. To mischaracterize his comments about a small handful of current and former players charged with crimes from assault to rape to burglary is a travesty. Some people are reading Pat's words completely out of context. He was not asked about, nor was he referring to, the entire football team.

So let's get on with the business of education. Let's put someone on the Board of Regents who not only has an expertise with education, but a true love of higher education. Let's keep Pat Williams working on the Board of Regents. Thank you for your time.