

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Peterson, on February 20, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Peterson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch  
Elizabeth Whiting, Committee Secretary

**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 302, 2/15/2013; SB 342, 2/15/2013

Executive Action: SB 302 (Partial action. Added amendment only)

**HEARING ON SB 302**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:47 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 302, Revise board of education laws related to defining substantial fiscal impact.

[EXHIBIT\(eds38a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:16:22 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:17:38 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:23:33 Dianne Burke, Board of Trustees, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:24:50 Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

00:25:42 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:26:02 Rob Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:21 Sen. Facey

00:33:21 Lance Melton, MTSBA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:47 Sen. Arntzen

**HEARING ON SB 342**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:17 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 342, Establish Montana Indian language preservation pilot program.

[EXHIBIT\(eds38a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds38a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds38a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds38a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds38a06\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:10 Ron Trahan,self

00:43:10 Robert Rides At The Door, School Board, Browning, Montana

00:49:52 Robert Bayuk, Indian Impact Schools of Montana (IISM)

00:51:00 Curtis Smeby, Montana State University, Northern (MSUN)

00:52:17 Louise Stump, self, Rocky Boy  
00:56:06 Alvin Windy Boy, self  
00:59:18 Charles Walking Child, self  
01:03:00 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)  
01:04:38 Duncan Standing Rods, self  
01:11:14 Nadine Morsette, self  
01:20:14 Shelly Fyant, School Board, Arlee, Montana  
01:23:18 Ramey Growing Thunder, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:27:01 Sen. Lewis  
01:33:24 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:35:42 Sen. Jones  
01:36:53 Sen. Facey  
01:38:32 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:38:41 Sen. Facey  
01:39:32 Ramey Growing Thunder, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:40:01 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:41:58 Chairman Peterson  
01:42:10 Sen. Windy Boy left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 302**

01:42:52 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 302 DO PASS.**  
01:43:06 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 302 BE AMENDED.**  
(see exhibit 1)  
01:45:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Windy Boy  
voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.  
01:45:53 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 302 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:46:01 Sen. Facey  
01:47:24 Sen. Driscoll  
01:47:43 Sen. Arntzen  
01:51:50 Sen. Jones  
01:53:57 Sen. Facey  
01:55:04 Sen. Arntzen

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01:55:55 Sen. Driscoll

01:56:47 Sen. Moore

01:57:06 Chairman Peterson

01:57:28 Sen. Jones

01:58:06 Sen. Arntzen

01:58:11 **Motion:** Sen. Jones moved to delay executive action on SB 302 to a date certain: February 22, 2013

01:58:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 9-0. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

01:59:26 Chairman Peterson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4.49 p.m.

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Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds38aad.pdf](#))