

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Peterson, on March 6, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Peterson, 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:** Sen. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch  
Pam Schindler, 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: HB 181, 2/26/2013; HB 182, 2/26/2013; HB 351, 2/27/2013

**HEARING ON HB 351**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:58 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 351, Designate an Iraq/Afghanistan war memorial at the University of Montana.

**[EXHIBIT\(eds48a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:31 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, Missoula, Montana  
00:30:27 Roger McGlenn, self  
00:31:34 Bill Johnston, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana  
00:31:57 Sean McQuillan, self  
00:32:34 John (Jack) Walsh, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:43 Rep. Edmunds

**HEARING ON HB 182**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:31 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 182, Revise legislative goals for public schools.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:57 Dr. Dave Bedy, self, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Hamilton School District (HSD), Hamilton, Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(eds48a02\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:20 Sen. Brown  
00:41:28 Dr. Bedy, HSD

00:43:57 Sen. Peterson  
 00:44:22 Rep. Ballance  
 00:46:34 Sen. Driscoll  
 00:46:53 Rep. Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:30 Rep. Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 181**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:51 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 181, Allow local trustees to define ratio of certified library personnel to students.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:50:42 Dr. David Bedy, self, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Hamilton School District (HSD), Hamilton, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(eds48a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:59:14 Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE), State of Montana  
 01:02:12 Judy Hart, Librarian, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Montana Library Association (MLA)  
 01:06:43 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
 01:13:21 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI), State of Montana  
 01:16:20 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT  
 01:19:20 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
 01:23:20 Niki Whearty, self, School Librarian, Montana Library Association (MLA)  
 01:29:21 Joan Meyer, self, High School Teacher/Librarian  
 01:31:55 Dan Rask, Executive Director, Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:34:05 Sen. Brown  
 01:34:38 Dr. Bedy, HSD  
 01:37:32 Sen. Facey  
 01:37:57 Mr. Ferro, MEA-MFT  
 01:40:12 Mr. Donovan, BPE  
 01:41:44 Dr. Bedy  
 01:42:18 Sen. Lewis  
 01:43:11 Dr. Bedy  
 01:45:42 Sen. Arntzen  
 01:46:16 Mr. Donovan

01:46:57 Mr. Miller, SAM

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:48:56 Rep. Ballance

**Committee Business:**

01:52:18 Sen. Moore  
01:53:20 Chairman Peterson  
01:56:30 Sen. Facey  
01:58:30 Sen. Arntzen  
01:58:43 Chairman Peterson  
01:59:18 Sen. Brown  
01:59:38 Sen. Lewis  
02:00:11 Chairman Peterson  
02:00:33 Sen. Facey

**[EXHIBIT\(eds48a04\)](#)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

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Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([eds48aad.pdf](#))**