

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Peterson, on March 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 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. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch  
Prudence Gildroy, 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 318, 2/26/2013; HB 317, 2/26/2013; HB 301, 2/27/2013  
(Cancelled)

Executive Action: HB 318 Be Concurred In; HB 317 Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON HB 318**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:54 Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 318, Eliminate local executive boards for university campuses.

00:25:12 Sen. Facey joined the meeting. Sen. Peterson and Sen. Windy Boy left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:09 Rep. Mehlhoff

**HEARING ON HB 317**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:47 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 317, Revise university system laws related to credit and military services.

**EXHIBIT(eds50a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:52 Ron Muffick, The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:38 Sen. Brown  
00:30:00 Rep. Hunter  
00:30:26 Sen. Brown  
00:30:38 Rep. Hunter  
00:30:45 Sen. Arntzen  
00:31:15 Mr. Muffick, OCHE  
00:32:10 Sen. Arntzen  
00:32:24 Mr. Muffick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:03 Rep. Hunter

(Note: HEARING ON HB 301 WAS CANCELLED)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 318**

00:33:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 318 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Peterson and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy was excused. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 317**

00:34:16 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 317 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:34:28 Sen. Arntzen

00:34:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Peterson and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy was excused. Sen. Arntzen will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([eds50aad.pdf](#))**