

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jim Peterson, on March 15, 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. 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 374, 3/11/2013

00:15:32 Chairman Peterson

HEARING ON SB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:36 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 374, Establish public charter schools.

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:35 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2

00:39:48 Debra Lamm, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a03\)](#)

00:43:48 Leslie Hiner, Friedman Foundation for Freedom of Choice (FFFC)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a04\)](#)

00:58:03 Lynette Two Bulls, Medicine Wheel Model (MWM)

01:01:58 Wasiim Naytha Ragged Robe, self

01:02:31 Sabina Youpee, self

01:04:28 Jeremy Red Eagle, self

01:08:16 Phillip Whiteman, self

01:10:08 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 89

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a05\)](#)

01:11:32 Dan Nicklay Idaho Charter Schools

01:14:56 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity (AMP)

01:16:52 Lisa Russell, self

01:19:13 Teresa Lodie, self

01:20:02 Elaine Herman, Eagle Forum

01:22:27 Shawna Raye, self

01:24:10 Patrick McCain, self

01:24:24 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, Kalispell

01:27:26 Shirley Herrin, self

01:28:14 Cristie FitzGerald, self

01:28:43 Karen Marshal, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:28:57 Jim Molloy, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

01:30:05 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a10\)](#)

01:47:24 Dustin Monroe, Western Native Voice (WNV)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a12\)](#)

01:52:06 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana, (SAM)

02:03:15 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

[EXHIBIT\(eds56a13\)](#)

02:05:54 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association/ Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA/MFT)

02:08:55 Dan Rask, Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA)

02:11:53 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

02:14:09 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:50 Sen. Windy Boy

02:15:37 Phillip Whiteman, self

02:20:11 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:26:52 Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

02:27:12 Sen. Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:18 p.m.

Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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