

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jim Peterson, on March 18, 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: HB 240, 3/11/2013 HB 301, 3/11/2013

HEARING ON HB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:48 Rep. David Halvorson (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 301, Revise school bonding limits.

[EXHIBIT\(eds58a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:30 Daniel Farr, Superintendent of Sidney, Montana Public Schools

00:22:58 Mike Waterman, Director of Business Services, Bozeman, Montana (DBSB)

00:24:51 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)

00:26:49 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

[EXHIBIT\(eds58a02\)](#)

00:30:00 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:43 Sen. Facey

00:31:28 Mike Waterman, DBSB

00:31:32 Sen. Facey

00:31:43 Mike Waterman

00:32:13 Sen. Lewis

00:33:21 Mike Waterman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:49 Rep. Halvorson

HEARING ON HB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:36 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 240, Clarify constitutional provisions and law related to board of regents/u-system.

[EXHIBIT\(eds58a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:56 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

00:42:57 Rep. Kris Hansen (R), HD 33

00:48:38 Brian Judy, Montana National Rifle Association (MNRA)

00:51:47 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 83

00:52:34 Jessica Hall, self
 00:55:01 Henry Kriegel, self
 00:55:57 Doug Nulle, self
 00:59:13 Chris Shipp, self
 01:02:20 John Perkins, self
 01:04:18 Carly Johns, self
 01:07:12 Jessica Sena, self
 01:12:33 Levy Krutzfeldt, self
 01:14:56 Sarah Corliss, self
 01:16:22 Doug Carpenter, self
 01:17:12 James Delsigne, self
 01:18:42 Vicky Schultz, self
 01:19:05 Paul Lansgaard, self
 01:19:40 George Hudson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:22:46 Kevin McRae, Commission of Higher Education (CHE)
 01:29:32 Isaiah Garrison, self
 01:32:16 J. C. Weingartner, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
 01:37:02 John Hollow, self
 01:46:40 John Oitzinger, self
 01:49:03 Curt Drake, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:45 Sen. Facey
 01:55:15 Kevin McRae, CHE
 01:56:13 Sen. Facey
 01:56:29 Kevin McRae
 01:57:10 Sen. Facey
 01:57:22 Kevin McRae
 01:58:05 Sen. Facey
 02:03:34 Rep. Smith
 02:04:03 Sen. Moore
 02:04:44 Curt Drake, self
 02:05:13 Sen. Moore
 02:05:48 Kevin McRae
 02:06:48 Sen. Arntzen
 02:09:59 Kevin McRae

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:52 Rep. Cary Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:06 p.m.

Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds58aad.pdf](#))