

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 5, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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 356, 2/2/2015; HB 28, 2/2/2015; HB 87, 2/2/2015; HB 111, 2/2/2015

Executive Action: HB 28; HB 87; HB 111; HB 120; HB 138

00:01:15 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 356, Revise funding for career and vocational/technical education.

00:03:24 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:44 Terry Bouck, Billings Public Schools (BPS)

EXHIBIT(aph26a01)

00:03:56 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:09:43 Chair Ballance

00:09:51 Leo Hudetz, Billings Public Schools (BPS)

00:12:37 Patricia Hubbard, Billings Public Schools (BPS)

00:14:15 Bill Jimmerson, Future Farmers of America (FFA)

00:16:50 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:19:47 Rick Edwards, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

00:20:31 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building and Industry Association (MBIA)

00:21:30 Sen. Taylor Brown

00:23:49 Glenn Opel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCOCC)

00:25:03 Kaitlyn Koterba, Electric City Future Farmers of America (ECFFA)

EXHIBIT(aph26a02)

00:26:49 Merle Infanger, Cascade Future Farmers of America (CFFA)

00:28:56 Kacie Cummings, Cascade Future Farmers of America (CFFA)

00:29:43 Tom Kotynski, self

00:33:12 Taylor Sanford, Capital High School (CHS)

00:34:44 Nate Lynch, Capital High School (CHS)

00:36:08 Zachary Heinze, Capital High School (CHS)

00:37:13 Emily Standley, Missoula Future Farmers of America (MFFA)

00:38:55 Thomas Moore, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

EXHIBIT(aph26a03)

00:42:31 Roxanne Christofferson, Montana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (MAFCS), Family and Consumer Science (FCS)

00:46:48 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (GFCOC), Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

00:47:54 Zoe Smith, CTA. Inc.

00:49:07 Callum Standley, self

00:50:40 Sheila Schenk, Huntley Project High School (HPHS)

EXHIBIT(aph26a04)

00:52:55 Henry Begler, Helena High School (HHS)

00:54:00 Jim Rose, Montana Future Farmers of America Association (MFFAA)

00:56:15 Ben Meyer, National Future Farmers of America Organization (NFFAO)

01:00:08 Sam Harris, Helena High School (HHS)
01:02:04 Chair Ballance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:02:20 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:19 Rep. Dudik
01:03:53 Steve York, OPI
01:05:31 Chair Ballance
01:05:35 Rep. Brodehl
01:06:24 Leo Hudetz, BPS
01:08:08 Rep. Brodehl
01:08:29 Leo Hudetz, BPS
01:09:22 Rep. Cuffe
01:09:54 Rep. Jones
01:10:04 Rep. Cuffe
01:10:17 Rep. Jones
01:10:51 Rep. Cuffe
01:11:20 Rep. Jones
01:11:48 Rep. Cuffe
01:11:52 Rep. Jones
01:11:56 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:12:46 Rep. Jones
01:13:08 Rep. McCarthy
01:13:42 Patricia Hubbard, BPS
01:14:54 Rep. Burnett
01:15:13 Thomas Moore, GFPS
01:15:38 Rep. Hagstrom
01:16:02 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:38 Rep. Jones

01:22:28 Brief Recess
01:31:56 Reconvened. Rep. Mehlhoff was not present.

HEARING ON HB 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:40 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 28, Require parole hearings to be video and audio recorded.

[EXHIBIT\(aph26a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:35:47 Timothy Allred, Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:27 Rep. Ellis
01:37:00 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:38:33 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:38:57 Rep. Eck
01:39:36 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:39:56 Rep. Eck
01:40:16 Rep. Brodehl
01:40:30 Timothy Allred, BOPP
01:40:46 Rep. Brodehl
01:40:53 Timothy Allred, BOPP
01:41:37 Rep. Burnett
01:41:59 Timothy Allred, BOPP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:08 Rep. Eck

HEARING ON HB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:02 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 87, Eliminate the requirement for a third official school enrollment count.

01:46:17 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:51 Chair Ballance
01:50:19 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:16 Rep. McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 111

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:37 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 111, Revise sentencing for felony DUI.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:06 Rebecca Sturdevant, Montana Common Sense Coalition (MCSC), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), self

EXHIBIT(aph26a06)

01:57:14 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorney's Association (MCAA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:05 Rep. Tropila
02:02:01 Mark Murphy, MCAA
02:02:45 Rep. Tropila
02:02:58 Mark Murphy, MCAA

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:34 Rep. Regier

02:03:49 Chair Ballance

02:04:02 Brief Recess
02:09:26 Reconvened. Rep. Mehlhoff and Rep. Woods were not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 28

02:09:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 28 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Mehlhoff and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 87

02:11:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 87 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Mehlhoff and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 111

02:12:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 111 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Mehlhoff and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 138

02:14:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 138 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Mehlhoff and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

02:15:44 Chair Ballance
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02:18:21 Rep. Ellis
02:18:29 Chair Ballance
02:18:32 Rep. McCarthy
02:19:00 Chair Ballance
02:19:52 Rep. Cuffe
02:19:57 Chair Ballance
02:20:00 Rep. Cuffe
02:20:04 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

02:20:34 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph26aad.pdf](#))