

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on February 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, 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 313, 2/2/2015; HB 321, 2/2/2015

00:00:05 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 321

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:33 Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 321, Emphasize critical thinking in science education.

EXHIBIT(edh27a01)

00:17:58 Rep. B. Bennett

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:32 Rep. Meyers, HD32

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:01 Patrick Funk, self

00:27:31 Paul Andersen, High School Teacher in Bozeman; Vice Chair, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

00:29:36 Ron Jensen, High School Biology Teacher/self

EXHIBIT(edh27a02)

00:31:55 *Rep. Funk entered*

00:32:57 Jeff Lukas, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

00:34:40 Chris Fuller, Carroll College (CC)

EXHIBIT(edh27a03)

00:36:33 Dr. Jack Kirkley, Biology Professor and Ornithologist

EXHIBIT(edh27a04)

00:41:00 Rep. McClafferty

00:41:38 Tim McWilliams, Past Headmaster Headwaters Academy, Educator

00:43:47 Erik Somerfeld, Farmer/self

00:45:27 Claudette Morton, Montana League of Women Voters (MLWV)

EXHIBIT(edh27a05)

00:45:57 Grant Hokit, Biology Professor at Carroll College (CC)

00:46:47 Scott Taylor, Adjunct Professor Anatomy and Physiology at Montana State University (MSU)

00:47:15 Patricia Heiser, Geology Professor at Carroll College (CC)

00:47:42 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:48:01 Kirk Miller, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:48:19 Marco Ferro, Montana Educators Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:48:32 Bill Hallinan, Parent and Grandparent

00:48:50 Patti Steinmuller, Nutrition Educator, National Teacher's Enhancement Network (NTEN)

EXHIBIT(edh27a06)

00:49:15 Dr. Colin Thomas, Professor/Chemistry Department Head at Carroll College
(CC)
00:49:33 Susan Blossom, self
00:49:45 Gerald Shields, Biology Teacher/self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:11 Rep. Funk
00:50:49 Rep. Kelker
00:52:09 Rep. Fiscus
00:52:48 Rep. Kelker
00:53:05 Rep. Fiscus
00:53:23 Rep. B. Bennett
00:53:47 Dr. Colin Thomas (CC)
00:54:43 Chair Laszloffy
00:54:57 Rep. B. Bennett
00:55:23 Rep. Fiscus
00:55:41 *Rep. Salomon entered*
00:56:45 Rep. B. Bennett
00:57:16 Rep. Fiscus
00:57:21 Rep. B. Bennett
00:57:39 Rep. Fiscus
00:59:02 Rep. Price
01:00:13 Tim McWilliams, Past Administrator/Teacher
01:00:33 Rep. Price
01:00:40 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:01:06 Rep. Funk
01:02:20 Gerald Shields, Teacher/self
01:04:25 Rep. Lamm
01:04:51 Paul Andersen, BPE

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:24 Rep. Fiscus

01:09:38 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 313

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:30 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 313, Revise education laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:23 Jim Molloy, on behalf of Governor's Office
[EXHIBIT\(edh27a07\)](#)

01:20:27 Mike Waterman, Director of Business Services, Bozeman School District (BSD7)
01:23:08 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
01:26:57 Larry Markuson, White Sulphur Springs Schools

01:27:48 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:29:09 Andrea Johnson, Superintendent, Townsend School District
01:29:28 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:31:56 Marco Ferro, Montana Educators Association-Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA-MFT)
01:33:05 Brian Solan, Ameresco
01:34:43 Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:35:50 Steve White, Montana Coalition of Home Educators (MCHE)

[EXHIBIT\(edh27a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:48:29 Kelly Lynch, Community Development Division, Montana Department of
Commerce (MDOC)
01:49:30 Nancy Hall, Governors Budget Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:59 Rep. Kelker
01:50:45 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:50:53 Rep. Salomon
01:51:34 Mike Waterman, BSD7
01:52:19 Rep. Salomon
01:52:44 Mike Waterman, BSD7
01:53:30 Rep. Kelker
01:54:05 Kelly Lynch, MDOC
01:55:34 Rep. Meyers
01:56:49 Rep. McClafferty
01:57:08 Rep. Meyers
01:57:21 Rep. McClafferty
01:57:31 Rep. Funk
01:58:20 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:59:18 Rep. Funk
01:59:35 Dennis Parman, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:46 Rep. McClafferty

02:00:29 Chair Laszloffy
02:01:03 Recess

02:20:05 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 322

02:20:36 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 322 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:20:59 Rep. Kelker

[EXHIBIT\(edh27a09\)](#)

02:27:47 Rep. Lamm
02:28:09 Rep. Kelker
02:34:57 Rep. Price
02:41:33 Rep. Lamm
02:42:54 Rep. Webber
02:45:01 Rep. Greef
02:46:22 Rep. McClafferty
02:48:18 Rep. Kelker
02:50:20 Rep. Price
02:52:29 Rep. B. Bennett
02:54:51 Chair Laszloffy
02:55:07 Rep. Funk

02:56:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Meyers, Rep. Price and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Essmann, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy.

02:58:06 Chair Laszloffy
02:59:06 Rep. Funk
02:59:17 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:59:32

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh27aad.pdf](#))