

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on February 11, 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. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (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 373, 2/7/2015; HB 423, 2/7/2015

00:00:02 Chair Laszloffy
00:01:50 Chair Lamm

HEARING ON HB 423

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:00 Rep. Scott Staffanson (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 423, Revise education funding laws related to oil and natural gas production taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:08 Ken Morrison, North-East Rural Schools
[EXHIBIT\(edh31a01\)](#)

00:05:41 *Rep. Schwaderer entered*
00:08:48 E.J. Redding, Bainville Public Schools
00:09:53 Jon Metropoulos, Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties
00:10:57 Shane Gorder, self
00:11:21 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSB)
00:12:08 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
00:12:51 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
00:13:14 Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
00:14:02 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:15:06 Janelle Mickelson, School Finance Division Administrator, Office of Public Instruction, (OPI)
[EXHIBIT\(edh31a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:35 Rep. Kelker
00:16:09 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:16:33 Rep. Kelker
00:16:54 Rep. McClafferty
00:17:17 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:17:53 Rep. Essmann
00:18:10 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:18:24 Rep. Essmann
00:18:29 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:18:45 Rep. Salomon
00:19:28 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:19:43 Rep. Salomon
00:20:10 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:20:26 Rep. Salomon
00:20:57 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:21:12 Rep. Meyers

00:22:04 Ken Morrison, North-East Rural Schools
00:22:28 Rep. McClafferty
00:23:02 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:23:31 Rep. McClafferty
00:23:42 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:24:05 Rep. McClafferty
00:24:15 Janelle Mickelson, OPI
00:24:31 Chair Lamm
00:25:06 Rob Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:03 Rep. Staffanson, HD 35

HEARING ON HB 373

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:47 Rep. Scott Staffanson (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 373, Revise school bonding limit laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:50 Steve Johnson, Deputy Superintendent Operations, Bozeman School District (BSD7)
00:33:26 Kirk Miller, Montana Administrators of Montana (SAM)

EXHIBIT(edh31a03)

00:38:54 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSB)
00:41:48 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
00:42:06 Ken Morrison, North-East Rural Schools

EXHIBIT(edh31a04)

00:43:05 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
00:43:28 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
00:43:51 Shane Gorder, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:32 Janelle Mickelson, School Finance Division Administrator, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:03 Rep. Staffanson, HD 35

00:45:41 Chair Lamm

00:45:49 Chair Laszloffy

00:46:14 Rep. Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373

00:46:48 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **HB 373 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:46:56 Rep. Salomon

00:47:15 Rep. Kelker

00:47:40 Rep. Essmann

00:48:20 Rep. Schwaderer

00:48:39 Rep. McClafferty

00:48:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

00:49:37 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:50:04

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh31aad.pdf](#))