

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on March 30, 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. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (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: SB 275, 3/25/2015; SB 328, 3/25/2015; SB 345, 3/25/2015

Executive Action: SJ 10, SB 213

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy
00:01:10 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:02:04 *Rep. Meyers entered*
00:02:23 Chair Laszloffy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 10

00:03:49 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SJ 10 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:04:00 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:04:18 Rep. Price
00:04:51 Rep. Lamm
00:05:23 Rep. Essmann
00:05:45 Rep. Lamm
00:06:12 Rep. Essmann

00:06:24 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Essmann made a substitute motion that **SJ 10 BE Postponed until Wednesday, April 1, 2015.**

Discussion:

00:06:39 Chair Laszloffy
00:06:44 Laura Sankey, LSD
00:07:02 Chair Laszloffy

00:07:12 **Without objection, Rep. Lamm withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.**

00:07:26 Rep. Price

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 213

00:07:41 **Motion:** Rep. Lamm moved that **SB 213 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:07:50 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:08:25 Rep. Price
00:08:35 Rep. Salomon
00:09:02 Rep. Meyers
00:09:54 Chair Laszloffy

00:10:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Schwaderer voting no. Rep. Laszloffy will carry the bill.

00:10:37 Chair Laszloffy
00:11:00 Committee at Ease

00:43:39 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 328**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:07 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 328, Provide for higher education seeded savings accounts.

EXHIBIT(edh66a01)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:50:03 Kelly Cresswell, Vice President, Student Activities Foundation, Student Assistance Foundation (SAF)

00:51:33 Donya Parrish, Montana Credit Unions

00:52:47 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

EXHIBIT(edh66a02)

00:53:50 Mike Hopkins, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

00:54:31 Garrett Lankford, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)

00:54:47 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Group (MONTPIRG)

00:55:11 Harry (Haocheng) Wang, Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:04 Ali Bovingdon, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:35 Rep. Essmann

00:58:11 Sen. Jones

00:59:12 Rep. Essmann

00:59:43 Sen. Jones

01:00:09 Rep. Lamm

01:00:23 Sen. Jones

01:00:56 Rep. Kelker

01:02:03 Sen. Jones

01:02:36 Rep. Kelker

01:02:47 Sen. Jones

01:03:10 Rep. Kelker

01:03:12 Sen. Jones

01:03:36 Rep. Hertz

01:03:48 Sen. Jones

01:04:16 Rep. Funk

01:04:37 Sen. Jones

01:05:01 Rep. Funk

01:05:23 Sen. Jones

01:05:49 Rep. Funk

01:05:56 Sen. Jones

01:06:04 Rep. Salomon

01:06:35 Sen. Jones

01:07:04 Rep. McClafferty

01:07:23 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:45 Sen. Jones

HEARING ON SB 275

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:37 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 275, Constitutional amendment to elect board of public education.

[EXHIBIT\(edh66a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:35 Patrick McCain, Self, Tea Party Member

Opponents' Testimony:

01:11:31 Peter Donovan, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

01:14:40 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

01:18:31 Ann Gilkey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:19:05 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:19:25 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Informational Testimony:

01:19:51 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:26 Rep. Lamm

01:20:38 Sen. Webb

01:21:17 Rep. Lamm

01:21:38 Peter Donovan, BPE

[EXHIBIT\(edh66a04\)](#)

01:21:41 Rep. Kelker

01:22:17 Sen. Webb

01:22:45 Rep. Hertz

01:23:01 Sen. Webb

01:23:03 Rep. Hertz

01:23:15 Sen. Webb

01:23:36 Rep. Meyers

01:24:10 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:24:15 Rep. Meyers

01:24:44 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

01:25:25 Rep. Price

01:25:47 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:16 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:27:09 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 345, Revise process for adoption of accreditation standards.

[**EXHIBIT\(edh66a05\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:45 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

01:34:50 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:35:25 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:35:40 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:20 Sen. Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:36:50

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh66aad.pdf](#))

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary