

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO**, on December 15, 2005 at 1:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Jeanne Windham (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch
Eddy McClure, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 1, 12/15/2005
Executive Action: SB 1

A brief statement was made by Chairman Galvin-Halcro.

00:01:49

HEARING ON SB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on **SB 1**, Governor's school funding proposal.

00:27:23

Proponents:

00:27:44 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Policy Advisor for Education

EXHIBIT (edh02b01)

00:36:13 Linda McCullough, State Superintendent of the Office of Public Instruction

00:40:24 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

00:44:00 **REP. CAROL JUNEAU, HD 16**

00:44:43 Rocky Boy School students voice their support of SB 1.

00:47:10 Paul Mitchell, Teacher, Rocky Boy School

00:47:29 Juanita Roasting Stick, Teacher, Rocky Boy School

00:47:52 Linda Brannon, Indian Impact Schools

EXHIBIT (edh02b02)

00:50:08 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

00:52:21 G. Bruce Meyers, Montana Indian Education Association

00:56:51 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

EXHIBIT (edh02b03)

00:59:10 Mariah Friedlander, Ronan High School student

01:01:43 Joyce Silverthorn, Educator

Opponents:

01:02:58 **SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY, SD 45**

01:06:46 **SEN. JOHN COBB, SD 9**

EXHIBIT (edh02b04)

Informational Testimony:

01:13:58 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:14 **REP. KOOPMAN - SEN. RYAN**

01:22:42 **REP. KOOPMAN - Ms. Lombardi**

EXHIBIT (edh02b05)

01:30:53 **REP. KOOPMAN - Mr. Meyers**

CHAIRMAN GALVIN-HALCRO requested Mr. Lohse to testify regarding various groupings used for the analysis used in the proposed bills.

01:35:53 Chris Lohse, Office of Research and Budget
Analysis, State of Montana
01:43:20 **REP. LAKE - SEN. RYAN**
01:54:07 **REP. LAKE** - Ms. Silverthorn
01:57:39 **REP. LAKE** - Ms. McClure
02:03:24 **REP. ANDERSEN - SEN. RYAN**
02:06:35 **REP. WARD** - Ms. Lombardi
02:09:09 **REP. WINDHAM - SEN. SHOCKLEY**
02:15:21 **REP. WINDHAM** - Jan Brodsky, Legal Council,
Governor's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:30

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1

Motion: **REP. BRANAE** moved that SB 1 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: **REP. LAKE** moved that SB 1 BE AMENDED.
EXHIBIT (edh02b06)

Discussion:

02:28:35

Vote: Motion that SB 1 BE AMENDED failed 8-8 by roll call vote with **REP. WARD**, **REP. SONJU**, **REP. KOOPMAN**, **REP. SALES**, **REP. LAKE**, **REP. BUTCHER**, **REP. MCKENNEY** AND **REP. ANDERSEN** voting aye. **REP. SONJU** and **REP. SALES** voted by proxy.

Motion: **REP. ANDERSEN** moved that SB 1 BE AMENDED.
EXHIBIT (edh02b07)

Discussion:

02:36:12

Vote: Motion that SB 1 BE AMENDED failed 6-9 by roll call vote with **REP. WARD**, **REP. SONJU**, **REP. LAKE**, **REP. BUTCHER**, **REP. MCKENNEY** and **REP. ANDERSEN** voting aye. **REP. SALES** absent from the room.

Motion: **REP. ANDERSEN** moved that SB 1 BE AMENDED.
EXHIBIT (edh02b08)

Discussion:

02:40:42

Vote: Motion that SB 1 BE AMENDED failed 7-8 by roll call vote with REP. ANDERSEN, REP. BUTCHER, REP. CAMPBELL, REP. LAKE, REP. MCKENNEY, REP. WARD, and REP. WINDHAM voting aye. REP. SALES absent from the room.

Vote: Motion that SB 1 BE CONCURRED IN failed 8-8 by roll call vote with REP. BRANAE, REP. CAMPBELL, REP. DOWELL, REP. GALVIN-HALCRO, REP. GRINDE, REP. RASER, REP. VILLA, and REP. WINDHAM voting aye. REP. SALES voted by proxy. SB 1 will go to the house floor with no recommendation.

02:44:35

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:44 P.M.

REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh02bad0.PDF](#))