

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 12, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Michael Lange (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary  
Susan Fox, 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 128, 1/9/2007; HB 121, 1/8/2007;  
HB 135, 1/8/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:01:10 Chairman Jore  
00:01:28 Rep. Ward  
00:01:36 Chairman Jore

**HEARING ON HB 135**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:25 Rep. Kevin Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on  
HB 135, Revise school bus mileage reimbursements.  
00:03:34 Rep. Koopman arrives  
00:03:56 Rep. Lake arrives

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:12 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
[EXHIBIT \(edh08a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT \(edh08a02\)](#)  
00:12:14 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association  
00:15:19 Terry Minnow, MEA-MFT  
00:18:10 Bob Gilbert, Montana Independent School Bus Contractors  
00:18:55 John Carter, Helena Public Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:** none.

**Informational Testimony:** none.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:38 Rep. Wilmer  
00:23:04 Ms. Anderson  
00:23:46 Rep. Wilmer  
00:23:59 Ms. Anderson  
00:24:47 Rep. Lake  
00:25:27 Rep. Furey  
00:25:47 Rep. Lake  
00:26:26 Rep. Furey  
00:26:59 Rep. Lake  
00:28:11 Rep. Furey  
00:29:30 Rep. Hamilton  
00:30:20 Rep. Vogel  
00:31:08 Rep. Hamilton  
00:31:16 Ms. Anderson  
00:31:57 Rep. Koopman  
00:32:44 Ms. Anderson  
00:33:25 Rep. Koopman  
00:33:41 Ms. Anderson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:30 Rep. Furey

**HEARING ON HB 128**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:59 Rep. Arlene Becker (D), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 128, Revise attorney general's duties re: public bonds & agreements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:53 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT \(edh08a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh08a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh08a05\)](#)

00:43:24 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:45:39 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** none.

**Informational Testimony:** none.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:37 Rep. Jore

00:47:37 Ms. Nordlund

00:49:16 Rep. Jore

00:49:27 Ms. Nordlund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:37 Rep. Becker

00:49:51 Rep. Lange arrives

**HEARING ON HB 121**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:19 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 121, Clarify DOT duties for driver education programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:52:46 Mike Bousliman, Department of Transportation (DOT)

[EXHIBIT \(edh08a06\)](#)

00:54:43 Bud Williams, OPI

00:55:48 Jane Hamman, Montana Traffic Education Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** none.

**Informational Testimony:** none.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:46 Rep. Butcher

00:57:27 Mr. Bousliman

00:57:57 Rep. Butcher

00:58:05 Mr. Williams

00:58:24 David Huff, OPI

00:58:40 Rep. Butcher

00:58:47 Mr. Huff

00:59:55 Rep. Butcher

01:00:15 Mr. Huff

01:00:48 Rep. Butcher

01:00:56 Mr. Huff

01:01:31 Rep. Butcher

01:01:49 Mr. Huff

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:03:37 Rep. McChesney

01:03:52 Chairman Jore

01:04:04 Rep. Lake

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:04:54 Adjournment: 4:04 P.M.

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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**Additional Exhibits:**

**[EXHIBIT \(edh08a07\)](#)**

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**[EXHIBIT \(edh08aad.pdf\)](#)**