

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on February 14, 2007 at 3:42 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)

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 609, 2/12/2007; HB 614,
2/12/2007; HB 615, 2/12/2007
Executive Action: HB 283

HEARING ON HB 609

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 609, Requirements for dissolution of school district insurance fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:30 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT

00:06:29 Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:27 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:14 Rep. Lake

00:11:19 Mr. Vogel

00:12:33 Rep. Lake

00:14:43 Mr. Bilodeau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:59 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 614

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:14 Rep. Edward Butcher (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 614, Require transferability of university system credits.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:41 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

[EXHIBIT \(edh33a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh33a02\)](#)

00:34:00 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

00:36:35 Ashley Boland, Montana State University student

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:58 Rep. Butcher

HEARING ON HB 615

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:34 Rep. Edward Butcher (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 615, SAT required for student graduation and school funding.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:14 Mr. Williams

00:57:04 Mr. Burke

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:36 Rep. Butcher

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 283

01:02:52 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 283 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT (edh33a03)

Discussion:

01:03:50 Rep. Grinde

01:04:18 Rep. Lake

01:05:01 Rep. Cordier

01:06:12 Rep. Butcher

01:08:09 Rep. Jore

01:09:33 **Vote:** The motion carried 11-2 by voice vote with Reps. Everett and Jore voting no.

01:11:08 Rep. Cordier

01:11:19 Rep. Jore

01:11:49 Rep. Lake

ADJOURNMENT

01:12:21 Adjournment: 4:54 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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