

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 12, 2007 at 3:02 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
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. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. John Ward (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: SB 288, 3/9/2007; SB 152, 3/9/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:31 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 288, Revise laws related to board of private adolescent programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:00 Sen. Gregory Barkus, SD 4, Kalispell

00:07:09 John Santa, Montana Academy

EXHIBIT (edh52a01)

00:10:37 John Mercer, Mission Mountain School

EXHIBIT (edh52a02)

00:10:52 Linda Carpenter, Northwest Regional Chapter of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs

EXHIBIT (edh52a03)

00:12:38 Keith Kelly, Montana Department of Labor and Industry

00:15:40 John Eck, Summit Preparatory School

EXHIBIT (edh52a04)

00:17:19 Jim Smith, on behalf of James Dorian

00:21:09 Linda Henderson, Montana Nurses Association

EXHIBIT (edh52a05)

00:24:53 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

00:26:35 Mona Jamison, on behalf of James Dorian

00:29:28 Steve Gibson, Department of Corrections

00:31:08 Bob Runkel, Office of Public Instruction

00:32:41 Gloria Hermanson, Clinical Mental Health Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:33 Patrick McKenna, Monarch School

EXHIBIT (edh52a06)

00:38:19 Ron Clem, Teens in Crisis

00:40:55 Micki Manning, Spring Creek Lodge

00:46:23 Taylor Bradley, 20 Peaks

00:49:25 Andy Larson, Pinehaven Children's Christian Ranch

00:52:20 Sean Beardsley, 20 Peaks

00:55:45 Gary Spaeth, MAAPP

EXHIBIT (edh52a07)

01:02:56 Ryan Frields, self

Informational Testimony:

01:03:22 Roy Kemp, Department of Public Health and Human Services

01:03:39 Cindy Breen, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:10 Rep. Everett
01:04:25 Ms. Manning
01:07:19 Rep. Everett
01:07:29 Ms. Manning
01:08:43 Rep. Butcher
01:09:24 Mr. McKenna
01:09:42 Rep. Koopman
01:10:23 Ms. Carpenter
01:10:37 Rep. Koopman
01:11:10 Ms. Carpenter
01:13:42 Rep. Koopman
01:14:05 Ms. Manning
01:15:47 Rep. Koopman
01:16:56 Ms. Manning
01:18:16 Rep. Grinde
01:18:39 Sen. Schmidt
01:21:08 Rep. Grinde
01:21:20 Sen. Schmidt
01:21:33 Rep. Raser
01:22:41 Ms. Carpenter
01:22:51 Rep. Raser
01:23:19 Mr. McKenna
01:23:24 Rep. Butcher
01:24:23 Mr. McKenna
01:24:50 Rep. Butcher
01:25:15 Mr. McKenna
01:25:36 Rep. Butcher
01:26:38 Mr. Larson
01:27:39 Rep. Butcher
01:27:54 Mr. Larson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:42 Sen. Schmidt

01:31:45 Break
01:40:27 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:06 Sen. Don Ryan (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 152,
Education funding including kindergarten.

[EXHIBIT \(edh52a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh52a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:57:04 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Office

EXHIBIT (edh52a10)

02:03:00 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education

02:04:22 Aidan Myhre, Friends of Big Sky Education

02:05:29 Margaret Hollow, self

02:10:31 Jill Christiansen, Great Falls kindergarten teacher

EXHIBIT (edh52a11)

02:13:34 Rhonda McCarty, Valley View Elementary principal

02:16:12 Sheila Hogan, Career Training Institute (CTI)

02:16:57 Denver Henderson, Students at the University of Montana

02:19:06 Cathy Conover, Montana University System

EXHIBIT (edh52a12)

EXHIBIT (edh52a13)

EXHIBIT (edh52a14)

02:21:47 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

EXHIBIT (edh52a15)

02:25:14 Bruce Marks, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Project

EXHIBIT (edh52a16)

EXHIBIT (edh52a17)

02:26:37 Jackie Helt, grandmother

02:28:14 Sandi Curriero-Luckey, mother

02:29:13 Linda Gryczan, Montana Women's Lobby

02:30:08 Linda Brannon, School Business Officials and Indian
Impact Schools

02:31:23 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction

02:33:23 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

02:34:06 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

02:34:24 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition

EXHIBIT (edh52a18)

02:35:09 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

EXHIBIT (edh52a19)

EXHIBIT (edh52a20)

02:35:31 Peggy Hollow-Phelps, teacher

02:36:08 Patricia Dahl, Rocky Mountain Development Council

02:36:29 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony:

02:37:45 Flint Rasmussen, former teacher

02:46:41 Jeanette Zentgraf, former teacher

EXHIBIT (edh52a21)

02:52:32 Jennifer Paul, parent

02:58:20 Katie Rasmussen, Choteau school board trustee

03:04:49 Susan Arnot-Snyder, teacher

03:12:33 Jim Graskey, self

03:13:27 Christie Henderson, self

03:15:43 Casey Emerson, self

Informational Testimony:

03:21:59 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division

03:22:14 Rep. William Glaser, HD 44, Huntley

[EXHIBIT](#) (edh52a22)

Discussion:

03:25:05 Rep. Raser (point of order)

03:25:48 Rep. Jore

03:26:15 Rep. Raser

03:26:52 Rep. Jore

Further Informational Testimony:

03:27:06 Rep. Glaser

[EXHIBIT](#) (edh52a23)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:30:05 Rep. Wilmer

03:30:36 Sen. Ryan

03:32:10 Rep. Raser

03:33:02 Ms. Quinlan

03:34:21 Rep. Raser

03:34:43 Ms. Quinlan

03:35:35 Rep. Raser

03:38:09 Mr. Messinger

03:39:26 Rep. Koopman

[EXHIBIT](#) (edh52a24)

03:41:58 Ms. Rasmussen

03:43:53 Rep. Koopman

03:45:36 Mr. Rasmussen

03:47:17 Rep. Koopman

[EXHIBIT](#) (edh52a25)

03:48:30 Sen. Ryan

03:49:55 Rep. Grinde

03:50:26 Sen. Ryan

03:53:09 Rep. Hamilton

03:53:39 Ms. Quinlan

[EXHIBIT](#) (edh52a26)

[EXHIBIT](#) (edh52a27)

03:54:44 Rep. Hamilton

03:55:08 Rep. Jore

03:55:30 Ms. Rasmussen

Closing by Sponsor:

03:57:57 Sen. Ryan

ADJOURNMENT

04:11:27 Adjournment: 7:14 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh52aad.pdf](#))