

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN WANDA GRINDE, on January 21, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, 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 198, 1/16/2009
Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON HB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:43 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 198, School employee health insurance incentive.

Proponents Testimony:

00:02:49 Tom Bilodeau, Research Director, MEA/MFT
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh14a01)

00:20:11 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
00:23:36 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana
00:25:41 David Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association
00:27:36 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Helena Public
Schools

Opponents Testimony: None

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh14a02) Letter from David Ewer, Director, Office of
Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony:

00:30:01 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:11 Rep. Brown
00:31:49 Mr. Bilodeau
00:32:09 Rep. Brown
00:33:03 Mr. Bilodeau
00:33:08 Rep. Brown
00:33:40 Mr. Bilodeau
00:34:31 Rep. Brown
00:34:53 Rep. Malek
00:35:15 Mr. Bilodeau
00:37:15 Rep. Malek
00:37:55 Mr. Bilodeau
00:40:00 Rep. Malek

00:40:15 Mr. Bilodeau
00:42:17 Rep. Fleming
00:42:26 Rep. Boniek
00:42:56 Rep. Bean
00:43:37 Rep. Hamilton
00:44:02 Rep. Bean
00:44:17 Rep. Hamilton
00:44:26 Rep. Wagner
00:45:25 Mr. Bilodeau
00:45:34 Rep. Wagner
00:46:16 Mr. Bilodeau
00:47:35 Rep. Wagner
00:47:47 Rep. Boniek
00:48:29 Mr. Vogel
00:49:19 Rep. Fleming
00:50:00 Mr. Bilodeau
00:51:02 Rep. Malek
00:51:40 Mr. Vogel
00:53:20 Rep. Malek
00:53:35 Mr. Vogel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:53 Rep. Hamilton
00:54:21 Chairman Grinde

ADJOURNMENT

01:04:54 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh14aad.pdf](#))