

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on March 9, 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. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
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. Edward B. Butcher (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: SB 173, 3/5/2009; SJ 9, 3/5/2009;
SJR 25, 3/5/2009

Executive Action: None.

00:01:44 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON SB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:04 Sen. Terry Murphy (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 173, Clarify ability of school districts to share superintendents and principals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:23 Diane Lorenzen, Board of Trustees, Jefferson High School
00:06:17 Mike Molitor, Board of Trustees, Boulder High School
00:08:12 Dustin Shipman, K-8 Administrator, Boulder Elementary School
00:08:49 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
00:10:14 Rep. Scott Mendenhall, HB 77, Clancy

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:41 Rep. Brown
00:11:25 Mr. Melton
00:11:51 Rep. Wagner
00:12:03 Mr. Mullenor
00:12:37 Rep. Wagner
00:12:53 Rep. Washburn
00:13:26 Sen. Murphy
00:13:55 Mr. Melton
00:14:14 Rep. Fleming
00:14:42 Mr. Shipman
00:15:00 Rep. Fleming
00:15:08 Mr. Shipman
00:15:17 Rep. Malek
00:15:44 Mr. Molitor
00:17:32 Rep. Malek
00:17:45 Mr. Molitor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:14 Sen. Murphy

HEARING ON SJ 9**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:19 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SJ 9, Study student loan system.

[EXHIBIT \(edh52a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh52a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:39 David Ewer, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

00:32:31 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

00:38:20 Ron Muffick, Associate Director, Montana Student Loan Program

00:40:11 Pat Schlauch, Special Assistant to the President, Student Assistance Foundation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:51 Rep. Wagner

00:47:27 Mr. Ewer

00:49:14 Rep. Wagner

00:50:04 Mr. Ewer

00:56:03 Rep. Washburn

00:56:41 Sen. Wanzenried

00:57:11 Rep. Washburn

00:57:53 Mr. Muffick

00:58:51 Rep. Washburn

00:58:58 Mr. Muffick

00:59:09 Rep. Brown

00:59:37 Sen. Wanzenried

01:00:22 Rep. Brown

01:00:37 Ms. Stearns

01:01:07 Rep. Brown

01:01:30 Mr. Muffick

01:01:40 Rep. Brown

01:01:57 Mr. Muffick

01:02:06 Mr. Ewer

01:02:33 Ms. Stearns

01:02:58 Rep. Lake

01:04:07 Sen. Wanzenried

01:04:54 Rep. Wagner
01:06:05 Ms. Stearns
01:07:55 Chairman Grinde
01:08:02 Rep. Washburn
01:08:23 Sen. Wanzenried
01:08:43 Mr. Ewer

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:24 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SJ 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:03 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SJ 25, Urge study of rural-urban issues by university system.

[EXHIBIT \(edh52a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh52a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:43 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:25 Rep. Wagner
01:22:28 Ms. Stearns
01:23:36 Rep. Wagner
01:24:00 Sen. Peterson
01:25:40 Rep. Wagner
01:26:24 Rep. Malek
01:27:25 Sen. Peterson
01:29:32 Rep. Malek
01:30:33 Sen. Peterson
01:32:52 Rep. Lake
01:33:57 Rep. Wilmer
01:35:22 Sen. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:11 Sen. Peterson
01:38:46 Chairman Grinde
01:39:19 Jeremy Gersovitz

01:43:29 Chairman Grinde

01:44:19 Rep. Brown

01:44:48 Chairman Grinde

ADJOURNMENT

01:55:06 Adjournment: 500 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh52aad.pdf](#))