

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on February 4, 2009 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

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 69, 1/8/2009; SB 70, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 69 AND SB 70

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:57 Sen. Gary Branae (D), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 69, Increase the quality educator payment and on SB 70, Apply inflationary adjustments to K-12 BASE aid and general fund components.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:24 Denise Juneau, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds26a01)

00:12:33 Don Jones, Helena Public School District
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds26a02)
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds26a03)

00:15:49 Caryl Cox, Polson Public School District
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds26a04)

00:16:57 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.
00:18:40 Jule Walker, Plevna Schools
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds26a05)

00:21:13 Georgia Bruski, Ekalaka/Carter County School District
00:24:44 Christina Schmid, Ekalaka/Carter County School
00:25:59 Lauren Ferda, Highwood School District
00:27:51 Tonia Bloom, Corvallis School District
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds26a06)

00:31:35 Jill Rocksund, Columbia Falls School Board
00:34:01 Layton Salsbery, Forsyth School District
00:34:58 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.
00:36:23 James Floyd, Smith Valley Public Schools
00:37:22 Dan Kelly, Deer Lodge Elementary School
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds26a07)

00:41:38 Sue Vinton, Lockwood Schools
00:42:58 Dave Shreeve, Forsyth School District
00:46:14 Carol Bellin, parent from Missoula
00:52:05 Janice Bishop, Missoula County Public Schools
00:53:55 Kate McAuliffe, Billings School District
00:55:19 June Sprout, Cascade School District
00:56:54 Rick Cummings, Cascade School District
00:57:11 Randy Skov, Fairview School District
00:58:51 Susan MacGrath, parent from Bozeman

01:02:59 Dan Salomon, Ronan School District
01:04:21 Shirley Smith, Bozeman for Change
01:05:49 Glenn Smith, Bozeman for Change
01:07:27 Lance Trebesch, TicketPrinting.com
01:11:38 Jenni McGhay, Bozeman
01:14:59 Stephanie LongHair, student at Helena High School
01:16:01 Quincy Bjornberg, student at Helena High School
01:17:09 Brittany Belgarde, student at Helena High School
01:18:02 Jonell Norris, student at Helena High School
01:18:26 Joseph Anderson, teacher at Helena High School
01:20:08 Danielle Freeburg, parent from Bozeman

EXHIBIT (eds26a08)

01:20:55 Lei-Anna Bertelsen, Bozeman
01:22:26 Terry Kendrick, Montana Indian Education Association
(MIEA)

EXHIBIT (eds26a09)

01:22:56 Elin Hert, Bozeman

EXHIBIT (eds26a10)

01:25:28 David Gaillard, parent from Bozeman

EXHIBIT (eds26a11)

01:28:12 Dana Toole, Helena School Board
01:31:02 Gene Marcille, Columbia Falls
01:32:26 Mary Johnson, Browning Public Schools
01:33:47 Laura Schilke, parent from Bozeman

EXHIBIT (eds26a12)

01:36:58 Mary Bryson, Montana City
01:38:18 Jennifer Douglas, parent from Bozeman

EXHIBIT (eds26a13)

01:38:54 Sarah Gerlach, parent from Bozeman
01:40:56 Wendy Tague, Advocates for Responsible School Funding

EXHIBIT (eds26a14)

01:41:48 Heide Arneson, Bozeman School District
01:43:20 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (eds26a15)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:44:41 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

[EXHIBIT \(eds26a16\)](#)

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(eds26a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds26a18\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:38 Sen. McGee
01:54:59 Sen. Branae
01:56:16 Sen. McGee
01:57:32 Denise Juneau
01:57:53 Sen. Zinke
01:58:20 Sen. McGee left the hearing.
01:59:28 Denise Juneau
02:00:42 Sen. Zinke
02:01:07 Denise Juneau
02:02:16 Sen. Zinke
02:02:21 Denise Juneau
02:02:47 Sen. Ripley
02:03:29 Sen. Branae
02:03:40 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
02:04:29 Sen. Hawks
02:05:21 Jule Walker
02:07:16 Sen. Hawks
02:07:35 Jule Walker
02:08:38 Sen. Hawks
02:08:58 Jule Walker
02:09:47 Sen. Hamlett
02:10:16 Sen. Branae
02:10:51 Sen. Hamlett
02:11:07 Sen. Branae
02:11:23 Sen. Brown
02:12:39 Dave Shreave
02:13:58 Sen. Brown
02:14:42 Dave Shreave
02:14:46 Sen. Brown
02:14:52 Dave Shreave
02:16:39 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:17:12 Madalyn Quinlan
02:17:45 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:18:10 Madalyn Quinlan
02:19:19 Sen. Ripley
02:19:36 Chairman Laible

02:22:08 Bruce Messinger
02:25:00 Chairman Laible
02:25:45 Bruce Messinger
02:27:53 Chairman Laible
02:29:28 Bruce Messinger
02:31:00 Chairman Laible

Closing by Sponsor:

02:31:38 Sen. Branae

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:52 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds26aad.pdf](#))