

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Scott Reichner, on February 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Reichner, Chair (R)
Rep. Kris Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Dan Whyte, Legislative Services Division

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 420, 2/4/2011; HB 421, 2/4/2011; HB 450, 2/10/2011;
HB 451, 2/10/2011; HB 452 2/10/2011; HB 453, 2/10,2011

00:00:03 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 420

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:55 Rep. Sue Malek (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 420, Revise laws regarding state work study.

00:03:25 Chairman Reichner

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:53 Bruce Marks, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

00:04:51 Chairman Reichner

00:05:28 Valerie Lambert, University of Montana-Helena (UofM-Helena)

00:06:42 Terese Eller, Student, UofM-Helena

00:08:04 Janet Riis, Carroll College

00:09:04 Janelle Booth, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:50 Rep. Wagner

00:10:17 Valerie Lambert, UofM-Helena

00:10:37 Rep. Wagner

00:10:58 Valerie Lambert, UofM-Helena

00:11:56 Rep. Wagner

00:12:30 Valerie Lambert, UofM-Helena

00:13:27 Rep. Wagner

00:13:42 Rep. McNiven

00:13:59 Valerie Lambert, UofM Helena

00:14:45 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:54 Rep. Malek

00:16:35 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 421

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:46 Rep. Sue Malek (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 421, Expand provider types for adult basic education.

EXHIBIT(edh34a01)

00:19:00 Chairman Reichner

00:19:13 Rep. Hansen

00:19:25 Rep. Malek

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:00 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:24:03 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:14 Cyndi Forbes

00:25:25 Chairman Reichner

00:25:31 Elaine Herman, Montana Eagle Forum

00:26:15 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:36 Rep. McNiven

00:26:41 Chairman Reichner

00:26:46 Rep. McNiven

00:27:13 Steve York, OPI

00:28:59 Chairman Reichner

00:29:02 Rep. Blyton

00:29:31 Steve York, OPI

00:30:25 Chairman Reichner

00:30:28 Rep. Wagner

00:30:47 Steve York, OPI

00:31:45 Rep. Wagner

00:31:59 Steve York, OPI

00:33:25 Rep. Wagner

00:33:38 Steve York, OPI

00:34:27 Rep. Blasdel left.

00:34:46 Rep. Hansen

00:34:54 Steve York, OPI

00:35:27 Rep. Hansen

00:35:50 Steve York, OPI

00:36:46 Rep. Wagner

00:36:58 Steve York, OPI

00:37:34 Rep. Wagner
 00:37:47 Steve York, OPI
 00:37:49 Rep. Wagner
 00:38:02 Steve York, OPI
 00:38:36 Chairman Reichner
 00:38:40 Rep. Blyton
 00:38:48 Chairman Reichner
 00:38:50 Rep. Blyton
 00:39:08 Chairman Reichner
 00:39:09 Rep. Malek
 00:39:18 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:20 Rep. Malek
 00:40:16 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 452

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:31 Rep. James Knox (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 452, Elect Board of Regents.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:06 Barbara Rush
 00:43:44 Elaine Herman, Montana Eagle Forum
 00:44:24 Chairman Reichner
 00:44:29 Becky Stockton
 00:45:15 Chairman Reichner
 00:45:44 Shirley Herrin
 00:46:07 Chairman Reichner
 00:46:11 Cyndi Forbes
 00:46:48 Chairman Reichner
 00:47:08 Phyllis Lamping
 00:47:21 Pat McCain
 00:47:57 Chairman Reichner
 00:48:01 Lisa Wamsley

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:18 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education
[EXHIBIT\(edh34a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(edh34a03\)](#)
 00:52:57 Rep. Blasdel returned
 00:55:08 Chairman Reichner
 00:55:14 Steve Meloy, Board of Public Education (BPE)
 00:56:06 Chairman Reichner

00:56:13 Eric Feaver, Montana Association of Teachers-Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA-MFT)

EXHIBIT(edh34a04)

01:02:53 Chairman Reichner
01:03:00 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:04:00 Chairman Reichner
01:04:09 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:05:21 Chairman Reichner
01:05:28 Dan Villa, Education Advisor to the Governor
01:05:50 Chairman Reichner
01:05:54 Dan Villa
01:06:47 Chairman Reichner
01:06:53 Dan Villa
01:07:08 Chairman Reichner
01:07:24 Dan Villa
01:09:20 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:36 Rep. McClafferty
01:09:46 Rep. Knox
01:09:48 Rep. McClafferty
01:10:06 Rep. Knox
01:10:42 Rep. McClafferty
01:10:53 Rep. Knox
01:11:01 Rep. McClafferty
01:11:09 Chairman Reichner
01:11:21 Steve Meloy, BPE
01:11:30 Rep. McClafferty
01:11:57 Steve Meloy, BPE
01:12:28 Chairman Reichner
01:12:30 Rep. Bennett
01:13:05 Rep. Knox
01:13:52 Rep. Bennett
01:14:19 Rep. McClafferty left.
01:14:35 Rep. Knox
01:15:11 Chairman Reichner
01:15:16 Rep. Hansen (Point of Order)
01:15:45 Chairman Reichner
01:15:53 Rep. Malek
01:16:17 Chairman Reichner
01:16:22 Rep. McNiven (Point of Order)
01:17:10 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:19 Rep. Knox

01:18:10 Rep. Malek left.
01:19:18 Chairman Reichner
01:21:24 Rep. Knox
01:21:31 Dan Whyte, Legislative Services Division
01:23:55 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 451

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:26 Rep. James Knox (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 451, Elect board of regents.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:26:21 Elaine Herman, Montana Eagle Forum
01:26:29 Barbara Rush
01:26:46 Becky Stockton
01:27:09 Shirley Herrin
01:27:23 Phyllis Lamping
01:27:34 Rep. McClafferty returned.
01:27:35 Lisa Wamsley
01:27:49 Pat McCain
01:28:04 Cyndi Forbes
01:28:18 Jon Rush

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:47 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
01:30:53 Steve Meloy, BPE
01:31:54 Rep. Malek returned.
01:31:56 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:32:26 Dennis Parman, OPI

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:56 Rep. Bennett
01:33:18 Rep. Knox
01:33:27 Rep. Wilmer
01:33:40 Chairman Reichner
01:33:49 Pat McCain
01:34:25 Chairman Reichner
01:34:37 Pat McCain
01:35:00 Rep. Wilmer
01:35:32 Pat McCain
01:36:57 Chairman Reichner
01:37:24 Rep. Wilmer
01:37:35 Rep. Knox

01:38:31 Rep. Wilmer
01:38:43 Chairman Reichner
01:38:45 Rep. Wilmer
01:39:23 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:39:37 Rep. Blasdel left.
01:41:53 Rep. Evans left.
01:42:27 Chairman Reichner
01:42:31 Rep. Blyton
01:43:06 Rep. Knox
01:43:56 Rep. Malek
01:44:23 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
01:44:47 Rep. Evans returned.
01:45:53 Rep. Welborn arrived.
01:46:00 Rep. Malek
01:46:40 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
01:47:32 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:38 Rep. Knox
01:48:06 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 453

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:28 Rep. James Knox (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 453, Elect the Board of Public Education.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:18 Chairman Reichner
01:49:31 Elaine Herman, Eagle Forum
01:49:43 Barbara Rush
01:49:56 Shirley Herrin
01:50:02 Rep. Wagner left.
01:50:15 Pat McCain
01:50:33 Chairman Reichner
01:51:01 Pat McCain
01:52:01 Chairman Reichner
01:52:06 Lisa Wamsley
01:53:13 Rep. Bennett left.
01:53:47 Chairman Reichner
01:53:51 Becky Stockton
01:54:02 Chairman Reichner
01:54:09 Phyllis Lamping

Opponents' Testimony:

01:54:28 Steve Meloy, BPE
01:54:35 Chairman Reichner
01:54:39 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:56:29 Chairman Reichner
01:56:35 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:58:20 Chairman Reichner
01:58:24 Darrel Rud, SAM
01:59:08 Rep. Bennett returned.
02:01:25 Rep. Welborn left.
02:01:42 Chairman Reichner
02:01:47 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
02:02:46 Chairman Reichner
02:02:53 Randy Morris
02:07:46 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:15 Rep. Price
02:08:42 Rep. Knox
02:09:07 Chairman Reichner
02:09:15 Rep. Wilmer
02:09:44 Elaine Herman, Eagle Forum
02:10:14 Rep. Wilmer
02:10:36 Chairman Reichner
02:11:08 Elaine Herman, Eagle Forum
02:11:17 Rep. Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:32 Rep. Knox
02:12:08 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 450**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:12:28 Rep. James Knox (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 450, Elect board of public education.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:13:42 Chairman Reichner
02:13:50 Elaine Herman, Eagle Forum

02:18:08 Chairman Reichner
02:18:14 Barbara Rush
[EXHIBIT\(edh34a05\)](#)
02:20:20 Pat McCain
02:20:44 Lisa Wamsley
02:21:34 Becky Stockton
02:21:58 Shirley Herrin
02:22:09 Phyllis Lamping

Opponents' Testimony:

02:22:34 Chairman Reichner
02:22:41 Steve Meloy, BPE
02:23:33 Rep. Blasdel returned.
02:25:48 Chairman Reichner
02:25:55 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
02:26:21 Chairman Reichner
02:26:23 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
02:27:14 Darrell Rud, SAM
02:27:27 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
02:27:35 Randy Morris

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:07 Chairman Reichner
02:28:55 Rep. Knox
02:29:47 Chairman Reichner
02:30:08 Rep. Knox

Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:21 Rep. Knox

02:32:38 Chairman Reichner
02:32:53 Rep. Malek (Point of Personal Privilege)
02:33:49 Chairman Reichner
02:33:54 Rep. Hansen
02:34:40 Rep. Malek
02:35:30 Chairman Reichner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:37:15

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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