

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Scott Reichner, on February 21, 2011 at 4:24 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Reichner, Chair (R)
Rep. Kris Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 591, 2/21/2011
Executive Action on: HB # 591

00:00:03 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON HB 591

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:04 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 591, Provide special education scholarships.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:12 Chairman Reichner

00:02:19 Pat Wagman, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

EXHIBIT(edh42a01)

00:02:36 Rep. Price arrived.

00:10:02 Chairman Reichner

00:10:06 Rep. Malek

00:10:23 Chairman Reichner

00:11:02 Pat Wagman, MFF

00:11:06 Sherrie Petty

00:18:17 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:35 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:29:16 Chairman Reichner

00:29:24 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

EXHIBIT(edh42a02)

00:36:51 Chairman Reichner

00:36:59 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:37:36 Rep. Bennett left.

00:37:42 Chairman Reichner

00:37:48 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:40:49 Chairman Reichner

00:40:57 Chris Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:41:22 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:37 Rep. Wagner

00:41:56 Pat Wagman, MFF

00:42:04 Rep. Wagner

00:42:08 Pat Wagman, MFF

00:42:48 Rep. Wagner

00:43:12 Pat Wagman, MFF

00:43:36 Chairman Reichner

00:43:40 Rep. Washburn

00:44:00 Chairman Reichner
00:44:10 Tim Harris, OPI
00:44:19 Rep. Welborn
00:44:34 Tim Harris, OPI
00:44:43 Rep. Welborn
00:45:08 Tim Harris, OPI
00:46:10 Rep. Washburn
00:46:25 Tim Harris, OPI
00:46:45 Rep. Welborn
00:46:52 Rep. Clark
00:46:56 Rep. Bennett returned.
00:48:08 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
00:48:34 Rep. Clark
00:48:57 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
00:49:10 Rep. Wilmer
00:49:49 Tim Harris, OPI
00:50:13 Rep. Wilmer
00:50:28 Tim Harris, OPI
00:50:53 Rep. Wilmer
00:51:15 Steve York, OPI
00:52:06 Rep. Wilmer
00:52:36 Steve York, OPI
00:53:42 Chairman Reichner
00:53:57 Rep. Wilmer
00:54:15 Tim Harris, OPI
00:54:28 Rep. Wilmer
00:54:29 Tim Harris, OPI
00:54:35 Chairman Reichner
00:54:40 Rep. Malek
00:55:13 Steve York, OPI
00:56:03 Rep. Malek
00:56:44 Steve York, OPI
00:56:57 Chairman Reichner
00:57:02 Rep. Salomon
00:57:43 Darrell Rud, SAM
00:58:21 Rep. Salomon
00:58:27 Darrell Rud, SAM
00:59:31 Rep. Salomon
01:00:07 Darrell Rud, SAM
01:01:07 Chairman Reichner
01:01:30 Pat Wagman, MFF
01:03:18 Chairman Reichner
01:03:27 Pat Wagman, MFF
01:04:08 Chairman Reichner
01:04:28 Pat Wagman, MFF
01:05:10 Chairman Reichner
01:05:29 Pat Wagman, MFF
01:05:56 Chairman Reichner
01:06:03 Pat Wagman, MFF
01:06:33 Chairman Reichner

01:07:05 Pat Wagman, MFF
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01:08:17 Pat Wagman, MFF
01:08:35 Chairman Reichner
01:08:36 Rep. Hansen
01:09:00 Steve York, OPI
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01:09:33 Steve York, OPI
01:10:14 Rep. Hansen
01:10:24 Steve York, OPI
01:11:09 Rep. Hansen
01:12:08 Steve York, OPI
01:12:15 Chairman Reichner
01:12:19 Rep. Clark
01:13:05 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:18 Rep. Blasdel
01:15:05 Chairman Reichner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 591

01:15:32 **Motion:** Rep. Blasdel moved that **HB 591 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:15:42 Rep. Wagner
01:20:12 Chairman Reichner
01:20:17 Rep. Clark
01:22:51 Chairman
01:22:55 Rep. Welborn
01:23:01 Rep. Blasdel
01:23:03 Rep. Welborn
01:23:20 Rep. Blasdel
01:23:37 Chairman Reichner
01:23:39 Rep. Malek
01:25:06 Chairman Reichner
01:25:10 Rep. Washburn
01:26:36 Chairman Reichner
01:26:40 Rep. Wilmer

01:27:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Blasdel, Rep. Blyton, Rep. Clark, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Wagner and Rep. Welborn voting aye. Rep. McClafferty voted by proxy.

01:30:26 Chairman Reichner

01:30:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hansen moved that **HB 591 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:31:09

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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