

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Scott Reichner, on March 9, 2011 at 2:49 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Reichner, Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kris Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (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: SB 280, 3/4/2011; SB 355, 3/4/2011; SJ 11, 3/4/2011

00:00:02 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON SJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SJ 11, Urge the board of regents to require post tenure review for higher education.

00:04:37 Rep. Welborn and Rep. McNiven arrived.

00:08:05 Rep. Wagner arrived.

00:12:52 Chairman Reichner

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:08 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:15:25 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony:

00:15:37 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:02 Chairman Reichner

00:16:08 Rep. Wagner

00:16:13 Chairman Reichner

00:16:17 Rep. Wagner

00:16:29 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:17:01 Rep. Wagner

00:17:46 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:17:58 Rep. Wagner

00:18:02 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:18:18 Rep. Wagner

00:18:31 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:18:36 Rep. Wagner

00:19:22 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:19:43 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony:

00:19:59 Rep. Franke Wilmer, HD 64

Questions from the Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:18 Chairman Reichner

00:20:29 Rep. Blyton

00:21:17 Rep. Wilmer
00:21:43 Rep. Clark left.
00:22:35 Rep. Blyton
00:22:51 Rep. Wilmer
00:23:23 Chairman Reichner
00:23:31 Dan Whyte, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:23:50 Sheila Sterns (OCHE)
00:24:27 Chairman Reichner
00:24:31 Rep. Malek
00:24:49 Rep. Wilmer
00:26:23 Rep. Blasdel left.
00:26:41 Rep. Clark returned.
00:29:01 Rep. Malek
00:29:20 Rep. Wilmer
00:30:41 Rep. Malek
00:31:04 Rep. Wilmer
00:32:34 Rep. Malek
00:32:45 Chairman Reichner
00:33:02 Rep. Malek
00:33:33 Rep. Wilmer
00:34:09 Chairman Reichner
00:34:19 Rep. Salomon
00:34:51 Sen. Peterson
00:37:20 Rep. Salomon
00:38:15 Sen. Peterson
00:40:17 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:26 Sen. Peterson

00:42:22 Chairman Reichner
00:42:53 Sen. Peterson
00:42:58 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON SB 280**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:08 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 280, Authorize commissioner of higher ed to develop self-insured student health plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:01 Chairman Reichner
00:46:16 Sen. Larsen, SD 50
00:48:53 Chairman Reichner
00:48:58 Janelle Booth, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

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00:50:03 Rep. Wilmer left.
00:50:32 Chairman Reichner
00:50:35 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
00:50:51 Chairman Reichner
00:50:59 Connie Welsh, Montana University System (MUS)
00:53:12 Chairman Reichner
00:53:18 Jim Mitchell, Montana State University (MSU)
00:54:56 Chairman Reichner
00:55:02 Rick Curtis, University of Montana (UofM)
00:56:48 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:02 Rep. Wagner
00:57:50 Rick Curtis, UofM
00:58:29 Rep. Wagner
00:58:44 Rick Curtis, UofM
00:59:15 Rep. Wagner
00:59:36 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:00:01 Rep. Wagner
01:00:17 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:00:28 Chairman Reichner
01:00:31 Rep. Clark
01:01:08 Jim Mitchell, MSU
01:01:14 Rep. Clark
01:01:27 Jim Mitchell, MSU
01:01:40 Rep. Clark
01:01:58 Jim Mitchell, MSU
01:02:32 Chairman Reichner
01:02:38 Rep. McNiven
01:02:49 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
01:02:52 Rep. McNiven
01:03:27 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
01:04:12 Rep. McNiven
01:04:18 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:04:50 Rep. Bennett Left.
01:05:00 Rep. McNiven
01:05:45 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:08:35 Rep. McNiven
01:08:52 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:09:27 Rep. McNiven
01:10:01 Sen. Brown
01:10:40 Chairman Reichner
01:10:45 Rep. Blyton
01:11:18 Sen. Brown
01:11:28 Chairman Reichner

01:11:31 Rep. Wagner
01:12:27 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:12:36 Rep. Wagner
01:12:51 Rep. Hansen arrived.
01:13:15 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:15:26 Rep. Wagner
01:15:51 Rep. Bennett returned.
01:16:08 Rep. Reichner
01:16:34 Rep. Wagner
01:16:47 Rick Curtis, UofM
01:17:53 Rep. Wagner
01:17:57 Chairman Reichner
01:18:07 Connie Welsh, MUS
01:18:20 Rep. Blasdel returned.
01:19:15 Rep. Wilmer returned.
01:19:29 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:38 Sen. Brown

01:22:09 Chairman Reichner
01:22:22 Sen. Brown
01:22:46 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON SB 355**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:23:02 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 355, Establish a Montana university assistance program for private donations.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:24:33 Chairman Reichner
01:25:01 Sylvia Moore, OCHE
01:25:39 Chairman Reichner
01:25:44 Sheila Sterns, OCHE

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:04 Rep. Wagner
01:26:11 Chairman Reichner
01:26:23 Sheila Sterns, OCHE
01:27:45 Chairman Reichner

01:28:04 Rep. Hansen

01:28:25 Sen. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:34 Sen. Hamlett

01:30:06 Chairman Reichner

ADJOURNMENT

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Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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