

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Zinke, on March 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Bob Lake (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

##### **Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Gilda Clancy, 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: SR 13, 3/29/2011

Executive Action: SB 425; SR 13

00:00:42 Chairman Zinke

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 425**

00:01:16 Chairman Zinke

00:01:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 425 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**HEARING ON SR 13**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:35 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 13, Confirm certain Governor appointees to Boards of Regents and Public Education.

**Board of Education Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:21 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office

[EXHIBIT\(eds71a01\)](#)

00:04:01 Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Public Board of Education

[EXHIBIT\(eds71a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:27 Sen. Lake

00:10:16 Steve Meloy, Public Board of Education

00:11:02 Sen. Lake

00:11:27 Steve Meloy

00:13:04 Sen. Branae

00:13:38 Sen. Brown

00:14:09 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office

00:15:25 Sen. Brown

00:15:43 Patti Keebler

00:16:07 Sen. Brown

00:16:24 Sen. Facey

00:16:54 Sen. Hawks

00:17:34 Sen. Ripley

00:17:47 Patti Keebler

**Board of Regents Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:37 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office  
00:19:10 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education  
**EXHIBIT(eds71a03)**  
00:23:10 Steve Meloy, Public Board of Education  
00:23:36 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:13 Sen. Brown  
00:24:49 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office  
00:25:04 Sen. Brown  
00:25:22 Patti Keebler  
00:25:35 Chairman Zinke

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 13**

00:26:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SR 13 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:29 A.M.

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Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([eds71aad.pdf](#))**