

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Kris Hansen, on March 18, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kris Hansen, Chair (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)
Rep. Douglas Coffin (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. David Halvorson (R)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Marissa Stockton, 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 199, 3/12/2013; SB 342, 3/8/2013; SJ 13, 3/8/2013; HB 576,
3/8/2013

HEARING ON SB 199**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:53 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 199, Revise laws related to technology acquisition and depreciation funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:23 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)
00:27:17 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:27:48 Tim Tharp, President , Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:48 Jeff Patterson, Montana Educational Technology Association (META)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:40 Rep. Price
00:32:39 Sen. Thomas
00:34:39 Rep. Price
00:35:09 Jeff Patterson, META
00:36:06 Rep. Coffin
00:36:38 Sen. Thomas
00:36:53 Rep. Coffin
00:36:59 Sen. Thomas
00:37:34 Rep. Coffin
00:40:05 Rep. Washburn
00:40:51 Sen. Thomas
00:40:55 Rep. Washburn
00:41:04 Sen. Thomas
00:41:30 Rep. Washburn
00:41:44 Sen. Thomas
00:41:56 Rep. Blyton
00:42:07 Sen. Thomas
00:43:50 Rep. Blyton
00:43:54 Rep. Schreiner
00:45:06 Sen. Thomas
00:46:38 Rep. Schreiner
00:47:51 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:07 Sen. Thomas

00:50:54 Rep. Halvorson arrived to the meeting.
00:51:17 Chair Hansen

HEARING ON SB 342**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:51:50 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 342, Establish Montana Indian language preservation pilot program.

EXHIBIT(edh58a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:07 Rep. Lea Whitford, HD 16

00:57:52 Dustin Monroe, Western Native Voice

EXHIBIT(edh58a02)

EXHIBIT(edh58a03)

01:02:08 Shane Morigeau, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes

EXHIBIT(edh58a04)

01:04:38 Chair Hansen

01:04:42 April Charlo

01:08:04 Kenneth Helgeson, Nakoda Tribes

01:10:16 Terry Brockie, Self

01:15:33 Fred Hoffman, Self

01:17:27 Harry Beashamps

01:18:43 Jennifer Windy-Boy Bestan

EXHIBIT(edh58a05)

01:23:03 Rep. Clarena Brockie, HD 32

01:28:32 Jenny Windy-Boy

01:29:53 Rep. Bob Mehlhoff, HD 26

01:32:28 Cecil Crawford, Self

01:33:38 Cheryl Rice, Self

01:37:52 Chair Hansen

01:38:43 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31

01:39:57 Cheryl Crowley, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:26 Rep. Washburn

01:41:54 Sen. Windy Boy

01:43:57 Rep. Washburn

01:44:13 Sen. Windy Boy

01:47:07 Rep. Washburn

01:47:18 Sen. Windy Boy

01:48:30 Rep. Washburn

01:48:45 Sen. Windy Boy

01:49:40 Chair Hansen

01:50:04 Sen. Windy Boy

01:50:22 Chair Hansen

01:50:36 Sen. Windy Boy

01:50:40 Chair Hansen

01:50:54 Sen. Windy Boy

01:51:04 Rep. Whitford
01:51:29 Chair Hansen
01:51:32 Rep. Whitford
01:51:46 Sen. Windy Boy
01:52:10 Chair Hansen
01:52:30 Sen. Windy Boy
01:54:04 Chair Hansen
01:55:21 Sen. Windy Boy
01:57:45 Chair Hansen
01:58:06 Cheryl Crowley, GFPS
01:58:36 Chair Hansen
01:58:41 Cheryl, Crowley, GFPS
01:59:07 Chair Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:13 Sen. Windy Boy

02:00:31 Chair Hansen

HEARING ON HB 576**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:01:06 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 576, Higher education scholarship program for residents.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:06:28 Dani Clark, Associated Students of Montana State University
02:06:54 Asa Hohman, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)
02:07:36 Sam Thompson, Montana Public Information Research Group
02:08:05 Shawn McQuillan, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:09:10 Tyler Trevor, Association Commissioner for Planning and Analysis,
Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:33 Rep. Coffin
02:10:31 Rep. Hertz
02:11:14 Rep. Coffin
02:12:09 Rep. Hertz
02:12:18 Rep. Coffin
02:12:34 Rep. Hertz
02:13:04 Rep. Coffin
02:13:23 Rep. Bennett
02:13:51 Rep. Hertz
02:14:26 Rep. Bennett
02:14:41 Rep. Hertz
02:14:49 Rep. Wilmer

02:16:10 Rep. Hertz
02:17:03 Rep. Wilmer
02:17:22 Rep. Hertz
02:17:29 Rep. Wilmer
02:18:06 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:18:43 Rep. Wilmer
02:18:57 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:19:18 Rep. Washburn
02:19:51 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:20:25 Rep. Washburn
02:20:39 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:21:14 Rep. Coffin
02:21:45 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:22:10 Rep. Coffin
02:22:15 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:22:37 Rep. Coffin
02:22:40 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:22:57 Rep. Coffin
02:23:05 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:23:27 Rep. Coffin
02:23:40 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:24:01 Rep. Salomon
02:24:30 Rep. Hertz
02:24:51 Chair Hansen
02:25:23 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:27:17 Chair Hansen
02:27:46 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:28:59 Chair Hansen
02:29:24 Shawn McQuillan
02:29:43 Chair Hansen
02:29:51 Shawn McQuillan

Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:01 Rep. Hertz

02:31:09 Chair Hansen

HEARING ON SJ 13**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:31:19 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SJ 13, Request MUS to study college completion.

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh58a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:38:37 Tyler Trevor, OCHE and Board of Regents
02:41:09 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction
02:42:34 Tracy Ellig, Montana University System
02:42:58 Dani Clark, ASMSU

02:43:28 Asa Hohman, ASUM
02:44:21 Bill Johnston, University of Montana (UofM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:44:44 Rep. Coffin
02:45:20 Sen. Brown
02:45:31 Rep. Coffin
02:46:27 Sen. Brown
02:47:29 Rep. Coffin
02:47:52 Sen. Brown
02:48:31 Chair Hansen
02:48:37 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:50:08 Chair Hansen
02:50:41 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:53:02 Chair Hansen
02:53:10 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
02:53:45 Rep. Wilmer
02:54:53 Sen. Brown
02:58:53 Rep. Wilmer
02:59:46 Sen. Brown
03:00:45 Rep. Wilmer
03:01:34 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
03:02:48 Rep. Schreiner
03:03:20 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
03:05:30 Rep. Schreiner
03:05:59 Sen. Brown
03:06:12 Rep. Schreiner
03:07:12 Sen. Brown
03:09:43 Rep. Schwaderer
03:10:33 Sen. Brown
03:11:11 Chair Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

03:11:17 Sen. Brown

03:12:32 Chair Hansen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:12:57

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh58aad.pdf](#))