

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Peterson, on February 1, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Peterson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch  
Elizabeth Whiting, 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 191, 1/29/2013

**HEARING ON SB 191**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:29 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 191, Revise school tuition and levy laws related to special needs students.

[EXHIBIT\(eds22a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds22a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:40 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:29:51 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:31:37 Marco Ferro, Montana Educators Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:32:15 Steve York, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:33:47 Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent, East Helena Public Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:36:12 Frank Podobnik, Special Education Division Administrator, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:43 Sen. Arntzen

00:39:27 Frank Podobnik, OPI

00:39:40 Sen. Moore

00:40:12 Lance Melton, MTSBA

00:44:50 Sen. Facey

00:46:57 Frank Podobnik

00:47:33 Sen. Facey

00:47:37 Lance Melton

00:48:32 Sen. Arntzen

00:49:25 Lance Melton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:53 Sen. Brown

**Committee Business:**

00:53:46 Pad McCracken

00:56:25 Chairman Peterson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:57 p.m.

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Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds22aad.pdf](#))