

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on January 30, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, 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: HB 322, 1/27/2015; SB 29, 1/27/2015

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 322

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:37 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 322, Create special needs education savings accounts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:32 Jeff Laszloffy, President, Montana Family Foundation
00:14:28 John Meyer, educator, Belgrade
00:16:41 Ronalee Skees, self
00:19:13 Virginia Seigel, self
00:22:38 Chris Hansen, SD14
00:23:04 Brent Mead, Executive Director, Montana Policy Institute (MPI)
00:24:56 Ann Morren, self
00:25:39 Kari Zeier, friend on behalf of Tonya Shaellnutt

EXHIBIT(edh21a01)

00:30:24 John Quandt, Americans for Prosperity for Montana
00:32:19 Derek Skees, self
00:34:26 Ashley Godbold, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:56 Jim Molloy, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

EXHIBIT(edh21a02)

00:44:34 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:05:17 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSB); Montana Rural Sc
01:06:13 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM), Montana Quality Educators
Association (MQEA)
01:06:44 Eric Feaver, President, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of
Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:10 Rep. McClafferty
01:07:39 Frank Podobnik, Special Education Division Administrator, Office of Public
Instruction (OPI)
01:08:50 Rep. McClafferty
01:08:58 Frank Podobnik, OPI
01:09:42 Rep. McClafferty
01:11:02 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:11:38 Rep. Kelker
01:12:28 Rep. Jones

01:13:41 Rep. Kelker
01:13:52 Rep. Jones
01:14:21 Rep. Kelker
01:14:57 Frank Podobnik, OPI
01:15:28 Rep. Kelkers
01:15:35 Frank Podobnik, OPI
01:15:57 Rep. B. Bennett
01:16:31 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:19:20 Rep. Lamm
01:19:43 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:19:59 Frank Podobnik, OPI
01:20:50 Rep. Price
01:22:22 Frank Podobnik, OPI
01:23:32 Rep. Price
01:23:38 Rep. Lamm
01:23:59 Frank Podobnik, OPI
01:25:22 Rep. Kelker
01:26:12 Frank Podobnik, OPI
01:26:49 Rep. Hertz
01:27:39 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:27:46 Rep. Hertz
01:28:03 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:28:19 Rep. Meyers exited
01:29:16 Rep. Hertz
01:29:46 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:30:05 Rep. Hertz
01:30:28 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:31:47 Rep. Hertz
01:32:00 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:32:07 Rep. Hertz
01:32:17 Sen. Hansen
01:35:31 Rep. Hertz
01:35:53 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:36:58 Rep. Hertz
01:37:27 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:40:06 Rep. McClafferty
01:40:41 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:41:35 Rep. McClafferty
01:41:46 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:42:20 Rep. McClafferty
01:42:30 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:43:26 Rep. McClafferty
01:43:34 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:44:00 Rep. Essmann
01:44:57 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:45:12 Rep. Essmann
01:45:16 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:45:23 Rep. Essmann
01:46:03 Dennis Parman, OPI
01:46:15 Rep. Essmann

01:48:17 Jim Malloy, Office of the Governor
01:48:40 Rep. Essmann
01:49:55 Jim Malloy, Office of the Governor
01:49:59 Rep. Essmann
01:50:50 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:51:04 Rep. Essmann
01:51:16 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:51:31 Chair Laszloffy
01:51:44 Rep. Kelker
01:52:17 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:53:19 Rep. Funk
01:53:53 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:53:59 Rep. Funk
01:54:10 Sen. Hansen, SD 14
01:54:29 Chair Laszloffy

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:42 Rep. Jones

01:58:29 Chair Laszloffy
02:03:10 Recess

02:03:43 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON SB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:04:05 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 29, Remove college tuition waiver limits.

EXHIBIT(edh21a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:07:06 Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner, Montana University System (MUS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:07:53 Rep. Essmann
02:08:17 Trevor Tyler, MUS
02:08:50 Rep. Salomon
02:09:14 Sen. Brown, SD 28

Closing by Sponsor:

02:09:50 Sen. Brown, SD 28

02:10:23 Chair Laszloffy
02:10:30 Rep. Funk

02:11:13 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:11:52

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh21aad.pdf](#))