

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on March 11, 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. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)

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: SB 255, 2/23/2015; SB 282, 2/23/2015; SB 272, 2/23/2015

00:00:02 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON SB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 272,
Encourage Indian language immersion schools.

00:01:28 *Rep. Webber exited.*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:17 Rep. Smith, HD 31

00:06:15 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT))

00:09:54 Rep. Mehlhoff, HD 22

00:13:42 Alissa Snow, Western Native Voice (WNV)

00:14:21 Rep. Kipp, HD 15

00:22:03 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:22:48 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:34 Rep. Essmann

00:24:10 Sen. Windy Boy

00:27:25 *Rep. Monforton entered*

00:31:11 Rep. Essmann

00:31:31 Sen. Windy Boy

00:35:35 Rep. Meyers

00:37:09 Rep. Kipp, HD 15

00:42:32 Rep. Meyers

00:42:41 Rep. Kipp, HD 15

00:42:50 Rep. Meyers

00:43:39 Sen. Windy Boy

00:45:24 Rep. Meyers

00:45:37 Sen. Windy Boy

00:45:56 Rep. Lamm

00:46:26 Sen. Windy Boy

00:47:04 Rep. Lamm

00:47:18 Sen. Windy Boy

00:47:48 Rep. Salomon

00:48:24 Sen. Windy Boy

00:48:45 Dennis Parman, OPI

00:49:14 Rep. Salomon

00:50:27 Dennis Parman, OPI

00:51:13 Rep. Essmann

00:51:51 Rep. Mehlhoff

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:03 Sen. Windy Boy

00:53:54 *Rep. Kelker entered*

HEARING ON SB 282

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:10 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 282, Revising board of regents' authority to approve post secondary institutions.

[EXHIBIT\(edh50a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh50a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:31 Jessica Brubaker, Associate Legal Counsel, Montana University System (MUS), Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:35 Rep. Meyers

01:00:46 Sen. Kelker

01:02:02 Rep. Meyers

01:02:07 Sen. Facey

01:02:37 Rep. Kelker

01:03:46 Jessica Brubaker, OCHE, MUS

01:05:07 Rep. Kelker

01:05:14 Jessica Brubaker, OCHE, MUS

01:05:27 Rep. Lamm

01:05:51 Jessica Brubaker, OCHE, MUS

01:06:28 Rep. Lamm

01:06:36 Jessica Brubaker, OCHE, MUS

01:07:21 Rep. Lamm

01:07:32 Jessica Brubaker, OCHE, MUS

01:07:47 Rep. Lamm

01:08:00 Jessica Brubaker, OCHE, MUS

01:08:29 Rep. Lamm

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:41 Sen. Facey

01:08:46 *Rep. Essmann exited.*

HEARING ON SB 255**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:20 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 255, Revise laws for advancing agricultural education.

EXHIBIT(edh50a03)

01:09:52 *Rep. Monforton exited*

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:27 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

01:19:18 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

01:22:33 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:22:54 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:18 Rep. Meyers

01:23:53 Sen. Brown

01:25:14 Rep. Meyers

01:25:19 Sen. Brown

01:25:28 Rep. Funk

01:25:52 Sen. Brown

01:27:58 Rep. Salomon

01:28:11 Sen. Brown

01:29:16 *Rep. B. Bennett entered.*

01:29:21 Rep. Meyers

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:39 Sen. Brown

01:30:19 Chair Laszloffy

01:31:20 Rep. Funk

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:31:33

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh50aad.pdf](#))