

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on March 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
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. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)

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 213, 3/12/2015; HB 595, 3/12/2015; SB 12, 3/12/2015

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON SB 213

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 213, Provide for school safety.

00:04:27 *Rep. Price entered.*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:10 Tim Tharp, Superintendent, Sunburst Schools, President, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:08:24 Rick Duncan, Superintendent, Powell County High School

00:10:47 Tim Johnson, Superintendent, Corvallis School District #1

00:11:59 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools

00:14:15 Dave Whitesell, Superintendent, Stevensville Public Schools

00:16:18 Les Meyer, Superintendent, Fairfield Public Schools

00:19:43 Randy Cline, Superintendent, Frenchtown Public Schools

00:22:21 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association, (MTSBA)

00:25:32 Robert Dobell, Superintendent, Three Forks Public Schools

00:26:19 Pat Audet, Associate Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:27:15 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

00:27:58 Corrina Gaurdipee-Hall, Superintendent, Frazer School District

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:17 Rep. Salomon

00:29:38 Sen. Thomas

00:30:56 Rep. Salomon

00:31:09 Sen. Thomas

00:32:15 Rep. Greef

00:33:37 Rep. Funk

00:34:15 Sen. Thomas

00:34:47 Rep. Funk

00:35:17 Sen. Thomas

00:37:14 Rep. Meyers

00:37:59 Sen. Thomas

00:40:09 Rep. Meyers

00:40:26 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:17 Sen. Thomas

00:45:24 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 595**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:35 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 595, Provide tax credit for higher education expenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:45 Kelly Cresswell, Vice President, Student Assistance Foundation(SAF)
00:49:17 Mike Hopkins, Montana Associated Students (MAS)
00:50:06 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MONTPIRG)

[EXHIBIT\(edh54a01\)](#)

00:52:11 Harry Wang, Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:52:55 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (MDOR)
00:54:43 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:49 Rep. Monforton
00:57:07 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:57:56 Rep. Kelker
00:58:31 Mike Kadas, MDOR
00:59:04 Rep. Salomon
00:59:22 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:59:45 Rep. Salomon
00:59:57 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:00:17 Rep. Salomon
01:00:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:01:36 Rep. Meyers

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:48 Rep. Fitzpatrick

01:02:04 Recessed

01:09:15 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 12**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:42 Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 12, Provide ANB funding for 19 year olds.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:51 Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

EXHIBIT(edh54a02)

01:15:20 Drew Uecker, Principal, Paris Gibson Education Center, Director, Adult Basic Education Center, Great Falls Public Schools

EXHIBIT(edh54a03)

01:19:42 William Bailey, past student at Paris Gibson Education Center

01:21:32 Dan Zorn, Assistant Superintendent, Kalispell Public Schools

EXHIBIT(edh54a04)

01:25:03 Robert Dobell, Superintendent, Three Forks Public Schools

EXHIBIT(edh54a05)

01:27:03 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools

01:30:04 Kelly Cresswell, Student Assistance Foundation (SAF)

01:30:56 Corrina Guardipee Hall, Superintendent, Frazer School District

01:32:45 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

01:35:26 Alissa Snow, Western Native Voice

01:36:42 Judy Povilaitis, Executive Director, Billings Public Schools Services Division

01:39:57 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

EXHIBIT(edh54a06)

01:40:52 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, Great Falls Public Schools Board

01:43:56 Ryan Schrenk, Program Manager, Montana Digital Academy (MTDA)

01:45:34 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:46:06 Shannon O'Brien, Education Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Opponents' Testimony:

01:47:04 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:56:08 Tim Tharp, Superintendent, Sunburst Public Schools, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:58:38 Wade Johnson, Superintendent, Cut Bank Public Schools

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

01:59:25 Rep. Hertz

02:00:03 Sen. Sheehy Moe

02:00:19 Rep. Hertz

02:00:29 Sen. Sheehy Moe

02:00:39 Rep. Hertz

02:00:53 Sen. Sheehy Moe

02:01:18 Rep. Hertz

02:01:56 Sen. Sheehy Moe

02:03:00 Rep. Price

02:03:51 Sen. Sheehy Moe
02:04:47 Rep. Price
02:04:56 Rep. Meyers
02:05:40 Sen. Sheehy Moe
02:06:11 Rep. Meyers
02:06:27 Sen. Sheehy Moe
02:07:22 Rep. Schwaderer
02:08:18 Shane Morigeau, CSKT
02:10:39 Rep. Schwaderer
02:11:42 Dave Puyear, MREA
02:12:20 Rep. Schwaderer
02:12:45 Dave Puyear, MREA
02:12:54 Rep. Kelker
02:13:48 Sen. Sheehy Moe
02:13:51 Rep. Kelker
02:14:20 Sen. Sheehy Moe
02:14:25 Rep. Kelker
02:14:43 Sen. Sheehy Moe
02:14:59 Rep. B. Bennett
02:15:49 Robert Dobell, Superintendent, Three Forks Public Schools
02:16:38 Rep. B. Bennett
02:17:17 Steve York, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Public
Instruction (OPI)
02:19:24 Rep. Hertz
02:19:55 Laura Sankey, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
02:20:07 Rep. Salomon
02:20:31 Sen. Sheehy Moe
02:20:56 Rep. Salomon
02:21:20 Sen. Sheehy Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:32 Sen. Sheehy Moe

02:24:45 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:25:09

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh54aad.pdf](#))