

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on January 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

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 29, 1/7/2015
SB 106, 1/8/2015

Vice Chair Blasdel assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 29, Remove college tuition waiver limits.

[EXHIBIT\(eds06a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:01 Tyler Trevor, deputy commissioner of higher education, Montana University System (MUS)

00:07:06 Asa Hohman, president, Montana Associated Students

00:07:35 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group, University of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:27 Sen. Moe
00:09:06 Mr. Trevor, MUS
00:09:30 Sen. Moe
00:09:40 Mr. Trevor
00:10:27 Sen. Facey
00:10:55 Mr. Trevor
00:11:22 Sen. Facey
00:11:40 Sen. Cohenour
00:11:52 Mr. Trevor
00:12:04 Vice Chairman Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:08 Sen. Brown

Chairman Brown resumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SB 106

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:35 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 106, Generally revise education laws.

[EXHIBIT\(eds06a02\)](#)

00:16:15 Sen. Cohenour left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:50 Kevin McRae, deputy commissioner of higher education, Montana University System (MUS)
00:20:25 Peter Rosten, founder, MAPS Media Institute, Ravalli County
00:25:06 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:26:46 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:15 Sen. Facey
00:27:30 Sen. Connell
00:27:58 Sen. Facey
00:28:10 Sen. Connell
00:28:23 Chairman Brown
00:28:40 Sen. Connell
00:29:18 Sen. Hansen
00:29:26 Sen. Jones
00:29:43 Padriac McCracken, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:30:22 Sen. Jones
00:30:40 Chairman Brown
00:30:52 Mr. McCracken, LSD
00:31:02 Chairman Brown
00:31:10 Sen. Hansen
00:32:06 Sen. Connell
00:33:38 Chairman Brown
00:33:47 Sen. Hansen
00:34:20 Mr. York, OPI
00:35:30 Sen. Arntzen
00:35:44 Mr. York
00:38:25 Sen. Moe
00:38:40 Sen. Connell
00:39:00 Sen. Moe
00:39:18 Sen. Connell
00:40:43 Sen. Hansen
00:41:33 Mr. York
00:43:20 Chairman Brown
00:43:51 Mr. York
00:45:36 Chairman Brown
00:46:25 Mr. York
00:47:00 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:15 Sen. Connell

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:52 PM

Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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