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## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on January 28, 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) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**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: HB 31, 1/26/2015; HB 163, 1/26/2015

Executive Action: SB 141 Do Pass

**Committee Business:**

00:01:24 Chairman Brown  
00:01:40 Sen. Moe  
00:02:15 Chairman Brown

Sen. Cohenour entered the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 141**

00:03:27 Sen. Jones  
00:04:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 141 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

**DISCUSSION ON SB 128**

00:05:16 Sen. Hansen  
00:05:26 Sen. Facey  
00:05:41 Chairman Brown

00:06:16 Recess  
00:16:37 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 31**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:17 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 31, Revise school finance laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:22 Madalyn Quinlan, chief of staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
**EXHIBIT(eds19a01)**  
00:26:36 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)  
00:27:08 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association (MEA-MFT)  
00:27:20 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)  
00:27:52 Diane Burke, executive director, Montana Education Coalition  
00:28:19 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:33 Rep. Kelker

**HEARING ON HB 163**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:30:11 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 163, Prohibit  
limitation of certain schools participation in high school sports.  
00:33:32 Sen. Facey left the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:35:11 Mark Beckman, executive director, Montana High School Association (MHSA)  
00:37:34 Steve Meloy, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)  
00:42:21 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT  
00:42:54 Jim Smith, MREA  
00:44:20 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:48:22 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:53 Sen. Cohenour  
00:49:29 Mr. Morigeau, CSKT  
00:50:19 Sen. Cohenour  
00:50:38 Rep. Schwaderer  
00:51:28 Sen. Cohenour  
00:51:44 Mr. Beckman, MHSA  
00:51:59 Chairman Brown  
00:52:13 Mr. Beckman  
00:53:10 Sen. Arntzen  
00:53:41 Mr. Morigeau  
00:55:29 Sen. Moe  
00:55:48 Mr. Beckman  
00:56:06 Chairman Brown  
00:56:35 Mr. Beckman  
00:57:33 Sen. Cohenour  
00:57:52 Mr. Beckman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:58:06 Rep. Schwaderer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:59 PM

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Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds19aad.pdf](#))