

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on January 30, 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. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
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: SB 178, 1/26/2015

Executive Action: SB 128 - Do Pass
HB 31 - Be Concurred In
HB 163 - Tabled

Committee Business:

00:00:42 Chairman Brown
00:01:02 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:01:35 Sen. Jones entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:02 Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 178, Revise laws regarding vo-tech mill allocation.

[EXHIBIT\(eds21a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds21a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds21a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:09 John Cech, deputy commissioner for two-year and community college education, Board of Regents, Montana University System (MUS)
00:11:10 Brett Doney, Montana Economic Developer's Association, Great Falls Development Authority, Cascade County taxpayer and parent of full-time student at Great Falls College - MSU
00:15:08 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Great Falls Public Schools as chairman of the school board
00:17:01 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff, (D) HD 22
00:23:29 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:50 Sen. Jones
00:25:42 Tyler Trevor, Board of Regents, Montana University System (MUS)
00:27:06 Sen. Jones
00:27:26 Mr. Trevor, MUS
00:27:46 Sen. Jones
00:27:59 Sen. Facey
00:28:33 Mr. Cech, MUS
00:28:45 Sen. Facey
00:29:12 Sen. Moe
00:29:19 Sen. Facey
00:29:45 Mr. Cech
00:30:12 Sen. Facey
00:30:50 Mr. Cech
00:31:01 Sen. Facey
00:31:19 Mr. Cech
00:31:33 Sen. Facey

00:31:36 Mr. Cech
00:32:00 Sen. Facey
00:32:07 Mr. Cech
00:32:27 Sen. Facey
00:32:42 Mr. Cech
00:33:05 Sen. Facey
00:33:30 Sen. Cohenour
00:33:59 Sen. Moe
00:34:19 Sen. Facey
00:34:57 Sen. Jones
00:35:59 Mr. Trevor
00:36:13 Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.
00:36:26 Sen. Jones
00:37:05 Chairman Brown
00:37:52 Mr. Cech
00:38:06 Chairman Brown
00:38:22 Mr. Cech
00:38:39 Chairman Brown
00:39:06 Mr. Cech
00:39:39 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:04 Sen. Moe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 128

00:43:56 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 128 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:44:01 Sen. Facey
00:45:47 Chairman Brown
00:46:33 Sen. Facey
00:47:00 Chairman Brown

00:47:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 31

00:48:15 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 31 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:48:20 Chairman Brown
00:48:37 Sen. Jones
00:49:05 Chairman Brown
00:49:15 Sen. Arntzen
00:50:00 Chairman Brown

00:50:10 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:50:17 Sen. Arntzen
00:50:25 Chairman Brown

00:50:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 163

00:51:30 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 163 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:51:35 Chairman Brown
00:51:55 Sen. Jones
00:53:01 Sen. Cohenour
00:53:42 Sen. Moe
00:54:28 Chairman Brown

00:55:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Arntzen and Sen. Hansen vote yes. Sen. Hansen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:56:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **HB 163 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:59 PM

Angie Koehler, Secretary

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