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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on March 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 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) (arrived after roll call)
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: HB 377, 3/16/2015

00:00:02 Chairman Brown

HEARING ON HB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:15 Rep. Debra Lamm (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 377, Revise laws related to K-12 accreditation standards.

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:29 Dr. Williamson Evers, research fellow, Stanford University's Hoover Institution (SUHI); former assistant secretary of education for planning, evaluation and policy development, U.S. Department of Education

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a03\)](#)

00:23:22 Dr. Ze'ev Wurman, executive, MonolithIC 3D Inc.; former senior advisor, US Department of Education; Common Core standards mathematics drafts analyst, Pioneer Institute and State of California

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a04\)](#)

00:29:08 Sen. Jones entered the hearing.

00:32:19 Dr. David Bedey, chairman, Hamilton School Board (HSB); previous professor of physics, United States Military Academy at West Point

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a05\)](#)

00:39:52 Marjorie Hughes, retired teacher, Laurel

00:46:33 Jim Fryer, parent, Hobson School District

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a06\)](#)

00:52:13 Kari Zeier, state co-director, Concerned Women for America of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a07\)](#)

00:55:18 Sen. Moe

00:55:36 Chairman Brown

00:56:02 Lori Gilbert, parent of three; registered nurse, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a08\)](#)

01:00:56 Cindy Brooks, grandparent, Eureka

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a09\)](#)

01:03:47 Sharon Hummel, retired teacher, Billings; member, Concerned Women for America of Montana

01:04:55 Keith Ochs, self

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a10\)](#)

01:08:20 Elaine Herman, retired teacher, Helena

01:11:18 Nell Barr, Churchill
01:13:00 Florence Wilson, Bozeman
01:13:50 Lucinda Hardy, Columbia Falls
01:16:49 Ann Koopman, Bozeman
01:17:18 Tim Ravndal, Townsend

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a11\)](#)

01:18:48 Christene Wagner, Harrison

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a12\)](#)

01:19:41 Judy Tankink, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a15\)](#)

01:20:32 Rudolf Tankink, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a16\)](#)

01:21:28 Curtis Hughes, Laurel

01:22:38 Beth Cooper, self, Cascade County; librarian, Montana State University - Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a17\)](#)

01:23:37 Angela Bennin, Livingston

01:23:48 Stacy Bennin, Billings

01:24:04 Jan Franklin, Kalispell

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a18\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:24:54 Denise Juneau, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a19\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a20\)](#)

01:28:36 Caroline Janssen, student, Bozeman High School

01:30:23 Laurie Barron, superintendent, Evergreen School District, Kalispell

01:35:48 Paul Andersen, science teacher, Bozeman; vice chair, Montana Board of Public Education

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a21\)](#)

01:37:56 Tammy Elser, chief executive officer, Insight Educational Services, Inc. (IESI); teacher for 32 years

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a22\)](#)

01:42:16 Peter Donovan, executive director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

01:43:33 Reg Hagman, teacher, Capital High School; graduate, Garfield County High School

01:44:33 Erin Turner, parent of two, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a23\)](#)

01:47:36 Dr. Linda Reksten, superintendent, Polson Schools
 01:52:24 Melissa Romano, president, Montana Council for Teachers in Mathematics (MCTM); 4th grade teacher and parent of four, Helena

EXHIBIT(eds54a24)

01:57:33 Sarah Sullivan, parent of three; chairman, Parent-Teacher Organization
 02:00:05 Jesika Fisher, teacher, Helena Middle School
 02:03:57 Tobin Novasio, superintendent, Lockwood Schools; father of three

EXHIBIT(eds54a25)

02:08:10 Gary Lusin, school board trustee, Bozeman Public Schools (BPS)
 02:12:27 Andrea Johnson, superintendent, Townsend School District
 02:13:54 Judy McKay, superintendent, St. Regis Public Schools; former principal, teacher, curriculum director, and math coach
 02:18:26 Candy Lubansky, superintendent, Belgrade Public Schools
 02:20:19 Tammy Lacey, superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

EXHIBIT(eds54a26)

02:23:37 Kathryn Pfister, superintendent, Musselshell County Public Schools

EXHIBIT(eds54a27)

EXHIBIT(eds54a28)

02:27:17 Scott Dubbs, self, administrator, and curriculum director, Lewistown

EXHIBIT(eds54a29)

02:28:48 Holly Janssen, 7th grade teacher, Bozeman
 02:30:42 Antonia Bloom, trustee, Corvallis
 02:33:12 Steve Bradshaw, superintendent, Columbia Falls Public Schools (CFPS)
 02:35:03 Dan Zorn, assistant superintendent, Kalispell Public Schools (KPS)
 02:36:16 Dr. Claudette Morton, Montana League of Women Voters

EXHIBIT(eds54a30)

02:36:56 Debbie Lester, chair, Board of Trustees, Frenchtown Public Schools
 02:37:56 Cathy Maloney, superintendent, Butte-Silverbow County Public Schools
 02:39:05 Jan Cahill, chair, Board of Trustees, Great Falls Public Schools
 02:39:31 John Rouse, superintendent, Browning Public Schools
 02:39:58 Les Meyer, superintendent, Fairfield Public Schools
 02:40:36 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
 02:40:49 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
 02:41:05 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association
 02:41:17 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Association
 02:41:37 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:42:22 Sen. Cohenour
 02:42:48 Ms. Juneau, OPI
 02:45:27 Sen. Cohenour

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Closing by Sponsor:

03:50:25 Rep. Lamm

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:58 P.M.

Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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