

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on April 8, 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. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Llew Jones (R)

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 356, 4/1/2015; HB 610, 4/7/2015

Executive Action:

HB 356 Be Concurred In
HB 377 Be Tabled
HB 322 Be Concurred In

00:02:01 Chairman Brown turned over chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Blasdel.
00:02:10 Recess
00:23:08 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 610

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:36 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 610, Provide for a Montana student loan refinancing program.

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:05 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project, and on behalf of Forward Montana and Indian People's Action

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a02\)](#)

00:37:19 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group
00:38:04 Garret Lankford, Associated Students of Montana State University

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a03\)](#)

00:38:56 Haocheng (Harry) Wang, Associated Students of University of Montana
00:39:40 Frank Kromkowski, Strike Debt Helena

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a04\)](#)

00:43:00 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:12 Jim Stipcich, Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation (MHESAC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:07 Sen. Hansen
00:46:19 Rep. Brown
00:48:14 Sen. Moe
00:48:55 Mr. Stipcich, MHESAC
00:49:32 Sen. Keenan
00:50:36 Rep. Brown
00:51:25 Sen. Keenan
00:51:47 Rep. Brown
00:52:25 Sen. Keenan
00:52:51 Mr. Stipcich
00:53:20 Sen. Keenan
00:53:53 Mr. Stipcich

00:54:15 Sen. Facey
00:54:38 Mr. Stipcich
00:54:48 Sen. Facey
00:55:25 Mr. Stipcich
00:55:33 Sen. Facey
00:55:35 Mr. Stipcich
00:55:47 Sen. Facey
00:55:59 Mr. Stipcich
00:56:07 Sen. Hansen
00:56:23 Rep. Brown
00:56:27 Sen. Hansen
00:56:45 Rep. Brown
00:56:59 Sen. Hansen
00:57:14 Rep. Brown
00:58:17 Sen. Hansen
01:00:00 Rep. Brown
01:00:47 Sen. Hansen
01:01:05 Rep. Brown
01:01:13 Sen. Arntzen
01:01:29 Rep. Brown
01:03:15 Sen. Moe
01:03:36 Rep. Brown
01:04:23 Sen. Moe
01:05:07 Rep. Brown
01:06:27 Sen. Moe
01:06:53 Rep. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:16 Rep. Brown

HEARING ON HB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:58 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 356, Revise funding for career and vocational/technical education.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:24 Terry Bouck, Billings Public Schools (BPS)
[EXHIBIT\(eds70a05\)](#)

01:18:07 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:25:01 Chairman Brown entered the hearing.

01:25:42 Shelia Schenk, agricultural educator, Huntley Project High School and Junior High
[EXHIBIT\(eds70a06\)](#)

01:32:41 Rob Watson, superintendent, Bozeman Public Schools (BPS)
 01:35:13 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

01:36:36 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce and Montana Manufacturing Council

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a08\)](#)

01:40:40 Jim Rose, state advisor, Montana Future Farmers of America; former agriculture instructor, Shields Valley High School and on behalf of Montana Farm Bureau Federation

01:43:06 Ken Adams, automotive instructor, Billings Career Center

01:46:43 Tom Moore, assistant superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a09\)](#)

01:53:08 Joe Wilkins, Montana Association for Career and Technical Education

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a10\)](#)

02:01:52 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

02:02:20 Russell Walks, graphic design instructor, Billings Career Center

02:04:13 Scott Anderson, director and principal, Billings Career Center

02:06:38 Kathy Anderson, Family and Consumer Science teacher, Billings Public Schools

02:09:35 Leo Hudetz, chief financial officer, Billings Public Schools

02:10:52 Patricia Hubbard, director of business services, Billings Public Schools

02:12:12 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

02:13:02 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

02:13:27 Nicole Rolfe, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:43 Chairman Brown

02:15:38 Rep. Jones

02:16:16 Chairman Brown

02:16:21 Sen. Facey

02:16:44 Mr. Watson, BPS

02:16:47 Sen. Facey

02:17:35 Mr. York, OPI

02:18:56 Sen. Facey

02:19:27 Mr. York

02:19:41 Sen. Facey

02:19:45 Mr. York

[EXHIBIT\(eds70a11\)](#)

02:22:13 Sen. Facey

02:22:29 Vice Chair Blasdel

02:22:36 Sen. Hansen

02:23:28 Mr. Miller, SAM
 02:23:31 Sen. Hansen
 02:23:42 Mr. York
 02:24:23 Sen. Hansen
 02:24:56 Rep. Jones
 02:25:43 Sen. Hansen
 02:26:21 Rep. Jones
 02:26:36 Sen. Keenan
 02:26:51 Sen. T. Brown
 02:26:58 Sen. Keenan
 02:27:01 Sen. T. Brown
 02:27:09 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 02:27:17 Sen. Keenan
 02:27:19 Mr. McCracken, LSD
 02:27:30 Sen. Facey
 02:28:12 Sen. Keenan
 02:28:51 Mr. Bouck, BPS
 02:29:36 Sen. Keenan
 02:29:42 Mr. Bouck
 02:29:48 Sen. Keenan
 02:30:12 Mr. Bouck
 02:30:52 Sen. Keenan
 02:31:23 Mr. Bouck
 02:33:02 Sen. Arntzen
 02:33:19 Mr. Bouck
 02:34:47 Sen. Arntzen
 02:35:27 Mr. Bouck
 02:37:20 Sen. Moe
 02:37:45 Mr. Moore, GFPS
 02:40:02 Sen. Moe
 02:40:24 Mr. Moore
 02:42:44 Sen. Moe
 02:42:50 Mr. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

02:43:03 Rep. Jones
 02:47:15 Chairman Brown resumed the role as Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 356

02:48:03 **Motion:** Sen. Moe moved that **HB 356 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:48:15 Chairman Brown
 02:48:36 Sen. Cohenour
 02:49:14 Sen. Moe
 02:49:23 Chairman Brown

02:50:02 Sen. Hansen
02:50:18 Sen. Facey
02:50:20 Chairman Brown
02:50:40 Sen. Arntzen

02:51:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.
Sen. Moe will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 377

02:51:45 Chairman Brown
02:51:57 Sen. Hansen
02:52:02 Chairman Brown

02:52:24 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 377 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:52:27 Chairman Brown
02:52:37 Sen. Hansen

02:52:41 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **HB 377 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds70a12)

Discussion:

02:52:57 Chairman Brown
02:53:01 Sen. Hansen
02:53:07 Chairman Brown
02:53:14 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:54:34 Chairman Brown
02:54:36 Sen. Hansen
02:54:37 Chairman Brown
02:54:42 Sen. Arntzen
02:55:26 Mr. McCracken, LSD
02:55:28 Sen. Arntzen
02:55:37 Mr. McCracken
02:55:55 Sen. Arntzen
02:56:01 Sen. Cohenour

02:56:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

02:56:34 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 377 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:56:45 Sen. Arntzen
02:57:10 Mr. McCracken
02:57:34 Chairman Brown
02:57:50 Sen. Cohenour

02:59:22 Sen. Keenan
03:01:36 Chairman Brown
03:02:55 Sen. Hansen

03:04:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Hansen voting aye. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

03:04:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 377 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jones was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 322

03:05:41 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 322 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

03:05:45 Chairman Brown
03:06:16 Sen. Hansen
03:07:21 Sen. Facey
03:08:30 Sen. Cohenour
03:09:59 Chairman Brown
03:11:38 Sen. Moe

03:13:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Sen. Jones voted by proxy. Sen. Hansen will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:19 P.M.

Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds70aad.pdf](#))