

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
APRIL 13, 1981

The Senate Committee on Education and Cultural Resources met Monday, April 13, 1981, in Room 402 of the Capitol Building. The meeting was called to order at 12:57 p.m. by Senator Bob Brown, Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Senators Brown, Mazurek, Thomas, McCallum, Severson, Haffey, Hammond, and Blaylock. Senator Smith was absent.

Bills to be considered by the committee were: HJR 46
HJR 34
HJR 49.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

"A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT ~~AN-APPROPRIATE-INTERIM~~ THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE BE ASSIGNED TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL CENTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERALLY CLARIFYING, UPDATING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING SUCH LAWS."

Representative Williams, District 70, sponsor of the bill, gave a brief history of the vocational-technical legislation. In 1977, HJR 100 mandated a study limited to governance issues only. The three bills resulting from the study were all killed. In the 1979 session a bill passed making OPI the sole agency for vocational-technical centers. Representative Williams felt that was the proper placement and has worked very satisfactorily. However, he noted, vo-tech centers need to devise a better system for funding as they now receive federal funds, local district funds, and general fund monies. He said more and better guidelines are needed to address the fragmented appropriations re elementary, secondary, and post-secondary programs. Representative Williams said the resolution specifically asks the Legislative Finance Committee to conduct the study.

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PROPOSERS

Maynard Olson, Special Assistant, Office of Public Instruction, presented his testimony in support of the resolution to the committee (written attachment #1).

William Ball, Executive Director, State Advisory Council for Vocational Education, presented his testimony in support of the resolution to the committee (written attachment #2).

Alex Capdeville, Director, Helena Vo-Tech Center, urged support of the resolution stating confusion exists in funding in the areas of maintenance of facilities and program. He cited a need to address the area of funding hi-low cost programs such as diesel mechanics versus secretarial which differ greatly in the cost factors. He said accountability has improved greatly in the last two years but further clarification is needed in the funding area.

There were no opponents to the resolution.

The committee-discussed the advisability of putting the study in the Legislative Finance Committee as opposed to specifying it be assigned to "the appropriate interim committee" as most interim study requests are. Senator Brown stressed the study should be considered in the priority process with all the rest of the study requests.

Representative Williams closed by stating the resolution's original language specified assignment to the appropriate interim committee but was amended on the floor of the House as members of the House Finance Committee felt it should be assigned to that specific committee. He further stated that inflation and current economic conditions have led to a utilization of vo-tech centers as never before and therefore he feels this study is as important to vo-tech as any for community colleges or the university system.

ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

Senator Brown moved to amend the bill in the title and on page 2, line 10 to return the resolution to the original language (attached standing committee report).

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The motion carried with Senators Thomas, McCallum, and
Mazurek voting no. Senator Hammond abstained.

Senator Mazurek moved HJR 46 Be Concurred In As Amended.
The motion carried with Senator Hammond voting no.

The committee was to hear HJR 34 and HJR 49 but the sponsor,
Representative Vincent, failed to appear to present his
bills. The committee did not reschedule.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at
1:56 p.m.



Senator Bob Brown, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1981

Date 4/13/81

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Senator Ed Smith		✓	
Senator George McCallum	X		
Senator Elmer Severson	X		
Senator Swede Hammond	✓		
Senator Chet Blaylock	✓		
Senator Bill Thomas	X		
Senator Joseph Mazurek	✓		
Senator Jack Haffey	✓		
Senator Bob Brown, Chairman	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

NAME: Maynard A. Olson DATE: 4-13-81

ADDRESS: 206 So. Dakota, Helena

PHONE: 442-9244

REPRESENTING WHOM? O. P. I.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H.J.R. 46

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: Clarification of laws needed and
equitable methods of funding need to be
studied.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.



OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Ed Argenbright
Superintendent

TO: Senator Bob Brown, Chairman, Senate Education Committee

FROM: Maynard A. Olson, Special Assistant, Office of Public Instruction

DATE: April 13, 1981

SUBJECT: House Joint Resolution 46

Chairman Brown and members of the committee, I am Maynard Olson, Special Assistant to State Superintendent Ed Argenbright.

House Joint Resolution 46 points out in a clear and concise manner what a study of the laws relating to post-secondary vocational-technical centers will accomplish. The purpose is to study and propose measures for methods of financing post-secondary vocational-technical centers. Also, the study would prepare recommendations for the general clarification, updating, supplementation and revision of the laws relating to vo tech centers.

Having served as superintendent of schools for the past eight years in a district having a vo tech center, I understand the need for such a study. Also, I have discussed this with all of the Center Directors and Center Superintendents. They agree that a study is urgently needed.

I urge your favorable consideration and support of House Joint Resolution 46. Thank you.

NAME: William Ball DATE: 4/13/81

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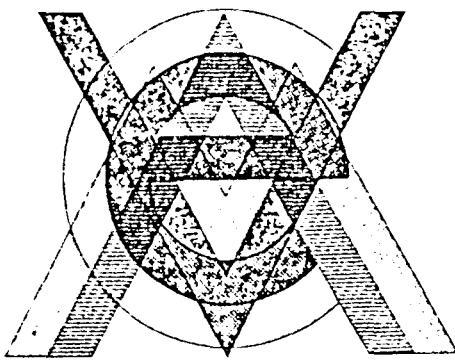
REPRESENTING WHOM? State Adv. Council No-Ed

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HJR 46

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.



MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

William A. Ball
Executive Director

April 13, 1981

To: Senator Bob Brown, Chairman, Senate Education Committee

From: William A. Ball, Executive Director, State Advisory Council
for Vocational Education *WAB*

Re: Support of HJR 46 - Requesting that the Legislative Finance
Committee study the laws relating to the postsecondary
vocational-technical centers.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, for the record, I am William Ball, executive director for the State Advisory Council for Vocational Education.

The Montana Council supports the request for this study. As some of you may recall, serious consideration was given to studying the funding/financial elements of the Centers during the present biennium, but was not accomplished because of time and financial constraints in the fiscal analysts office.

The Council membership feels this study and the enactment of the recommendations from the study will be beneficial to the Center system, the state legislature and the people of Montana that participate in the system and support it financially.

We urge your favorable consideration of the resolution, especially giving emphasis to the study of the financial/funding area.

Thank you.

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NAME: Alex Capdeville DATE: 4/13/81

ADDRESS: 1115 N Roberts St

PHONE: 442-0060

REPRESENTING WHOM? Helena Vo-Tech Center

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: ~~AB~~ HJ Resolution #46

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

Bill No. **46**

Williams (McCalburn)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

Bill No. **46**

third reading copy, be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 10.

Strike: **"THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE"**

Insert: **"AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM"**

2. Page 2, line 10.

Strike: **"THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE"**

Insert: **"an appropriate interim"**

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And, as so amended,

BE CONCURRED IN

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