

Elsie Arntzen's

Absolutely Deplorable MEA-MFT Voting Record

2015 – As a member of the Montana Senate

- Voted NO on an amendment to HB 2 funding Early Edge. (Amendment failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 166 and SB 200 cutting Montana income taxes and consequently state revenues by \$80 million and \$100 million respectively. (Governor vetoed both bills.)
- Voted YES on HB 322 providing local and state revenue vouchers for certain kids to enroll in private and sectarian schools almost anywhere. (Governor vetoed bill.)
- Voted NO on SB 12 providing state funding of 19 year olds who maintain high school enrollment. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES authorizing certain elementary schools (East Helena, Hellgate Elementary, and Lockwood) to secede from their historic high school districts. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES for SB 143 permitting guns on public colleges and universities. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES for SB 275 – a proposed constitutional amendment – requiring election of the Montana board of public education. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES for SB 410 establishing income tax credits funding student scholarship organizations to create scholarships for kids attending private, unaccredited schools. (Bill passed.)
- Voted YES on SB 411 closing the Montana Developmental Center. (Bill passed.)

In addition, in the Senate Education Committee

- Voted NO on SB 14 raising the mandatory school enrollment age to 18. (Bill failed in committee.)
- Voted YES on HB 377 repealing common core. (Bill failed in committee.)
- Voted YES on HB 596 establishing charter schools. (Bill failed in committee.)

2013 – as a member of the Montana Senate

- Voted YES on HB 30 eliminating election-day voter registration. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 213 creating taxpayer funded tuition tax credits for private and sectarian education. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 239 requiring parental pre-approval of student instruction that might involve issues of human sexuality. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 240 prohibiting Montana Board of Regents from adopting campus gun control policies. (Governor vetoed bill.)
- Voted NO on HB 377 amortizing Montana Teachers' Retirement System defined benefit pension plan. (Bill passed.)



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Greg Gianforte and Susan Gianforte both contributed to Arntzen's campaign.

- Voted NO on HB 454 amortizing Montana Public Employees Retirement System defined benefit pension plan. (Bill passed.)
- Voted NO on SB 14 providing ANB funding for students 19 years of age. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on SB 81 providing tax credits to student scholarship organizations to reward scholarships to kids attending private, sectarian, and unaccredited schools. (Governor vetoed bill.)
- Voted YES on SB 405 – a legislative referendum – eliminating election-day registration. (Bill passed and morphed into LR 127 that voters rejected in 2014 general election.)
- Voted YES on SB 406 terminating TRS and PERS defined pension benefit plans. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on SB 408 – a legislative referendum – providing that no more than two candidates in a partisan primary race be nominated for general election. (Bill passed and morphed into LR 126 only to be tossed from the ballot by the Montana Supreme Court.)

2011 – as a member of the Montana House

- Voted NO on an amendment to HB 2 retaining state funding for the Montana State Veterans Home, killing an effort to privatize that iconic facility. (Amendment passed.)
- Voted NO on a motion blasting HB 13, the state employee pay plan out of committee. (Motion failed. Bill failed.)
- Voted NO on HB 189 amortizing Montana Teachers Retirement System. (Bill failed.)
- Voted NO on HB 439 bonding capital construction around the state including in the Montana University System and the Montana Historical Society. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on SB 315 redefining good cause and due process in teacher tenure statutes. (Bill failed.)

2009 – as a member of the Montana House

- Voted YES on various amendments to HB 2 cutting state funding of Higher Education Student Assistance, Office of Public Instruction, Montana Board of Public Education, and Department of Corrections. (Amendments failed.)
- Voted YES on a motion blasting HB 624 to make Montana a “right-to-work” state out of committee. (Motion failed. Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on SB 81 – a proposed constitutional amendment – electing Montana Board of Public Education. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HR3 – a resolution endorsing secession from the Union. (Bill failed.)

2007 regular session – as a member of the Montana House.

- Voted NO on HB 2 – state funding bill – precipitating a special legislative session. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 204 capping state spending. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 492 to apply a “tip credit” to Montana minimum wage law. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 701 cutting Montana property taxes dedicated to public school funding and eliminating the quality educator payment. (Bill failed.)

2007 special session – as a member of the Montana House

- Voted NO on HB 2 to fund state government. (Bill passed.)

2005 regular session – as a member of the Montana House

- Voted NO on HB 2 funding state government. (Bill passed.)

- Voted NO on HB 124 (k-12 SHIP) creating a statewide school employee health care pool. (Bill failed.)
- Voted YES on HB 404 permitting anyone to teach for free. (Bill failed.)
- Voted NO on HB 447 providing state employee salary increases of 4% and 3.5% over the 2007 biennium. (Bill passed.)
- Voted NO on SB 78 increasing \$5.15 Montana minimum wage 30 cents in 2005 and 35 cents in 2006. (Bill failed.)

2005 special session – as a member of the Montana House.

- Voted NO on HB 1 funding a new k-12 public school formula outlined in SB 1 (see below) plus Teachers and Public Employee Retirement Systems. (Bill passed.)
- Voted NO on SB 1 creating a new k-12 public school funding formula featuring dollars for quality educators, Indian Education for All, Indian achievement, and at-risk students. (Bill passed.)

Other Info

In 2012, Arntzen provided the following answers to a Project Vote Smart candidate questionnaire:

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| Do you support the national Common Core State Standards initiative? (Arntzen changed her mind in the 2015 legislature.) | YES |
| Do you support a merit pay system for teachers? | YES |
| Is the tenure process for public school teachers producing effective teachers? (She voted to diminish the meaning of tenure in 2011.) | NO |
| Should parents be allowed to use vouchers to send their children to any school? (Arntzen has consistently voted to privatize public schools.) | YES |
| Do you support state funding for charter schools? (Ditto.) | YES |
| Do you support restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns? (She has consistently voted to permit guns in public schools.) | NO |
| Should a license be required for gun possession? | NO |
| Do you support a universally-accessible, publicly-administered health insurance option? (Arntzen opposed our own statewide public school health insurance pool proposal.) | NO |
| Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance? (So much for the ACA.) | NO |