

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 16, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Keith Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, 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 87, 1/10/2019, SB 6, 1/11/2019; SB 92, 1/11/2019
Executive Action: SB 11, Do Pass; SB 16, Do Pass As Amended; SB 8, Do Pass As Amended.

15:01:46 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON SB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:47 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 87, Requiring the University System to report on student loans.

EXHIBIT(eds08a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:11:13 Ron Muffick, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:11:52 Chair Salomon
15:13:26 Helen Thigpen, Montana University System (MUS)
15:15:19 Sen. McClafferty
15:15:43 Ms. Thigpen, MUS
15:16:12 Sen. McClafferty
15:17:52 Mr. Muffick, OCHE
15:18:10 Chair Salomon
15:19:42 Mr. Muffick
15:20:18 Chair Salomon
15:20:35 Sen. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

15:22:02 Sen. Regier

HEARING ON SB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:23:02 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 6, Revise school funding related to school safety.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:24:35 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
15:26:49 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees
15:27:13 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
15:28:35 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:29:31 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:04 Sen. McClafferty

15:30:38 Chair Salomon turned the role of the chair over to Vice Chair Regier.

HEARING ON SB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:31:10 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 92, Generally revise laws related to school safety.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:19 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

15:40:47 Gary Lusin, Bozeman School Trustee

EXHIBIT(eds08a02)

15:47:17 Rob Watson, superintendent, Bozeman Schools

EXHIBIT(eds08a03)

15:51:32 Mike Waterman, Bozeman School District

EXHIBIT(eds08a04)

15:57:58 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees

15:58:18 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

15:59:23 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials

16:01:31 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:02:28 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:48 Sen. Tempel

16:03:17 Mr. Watson, Bozeman Schools

16:03:53 Chair Regier

16:05:57 Mr. Waterman, Bozeman School District

16:06:26 Chair Regeir

16:07:16 Sen. Salomon

16:07:39 Chair Regier

16:07:43 Mr. Taylor, OPI

16:09:08 Chair Regier

16:10:19 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:11:09 Sen. Salomon

16:11:55 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

16:12:16 Brief Recess

16:20:43 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 11

16:20:58 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 11 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:21:17 Chair Salomon

16:21:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 16

16:21:42 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 16 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:21:48 Chair Salomon

16:21:55 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(eds08a05)

16:22:40 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 16 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:22:57 Mr. McCracken, LSD

16:25:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:25:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 16 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

16:25:50 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 8 DO PASS.**

16:26:29 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 8 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(eds08a06)

Discussion:

16:26:44 Sen. Regier

16:27:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:27:55 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:28:09 Sen. Webber

16:28:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([eds08aad.pdf](#))