

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 23, 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 110, 1/18/2019; SB 60, 1/18/2019  
Executive Action: SB 92, Do Pass As Amended; SB 6, Tabled; SB 118, Tabled

15:01:11 Chair Salomon

15:02:29 Chair Salomon turned the role of the Chair to Vice Chair Regier.

**HEARING ON SB 60**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:41 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 60, Generally revise laws related to financial aid programs.

15:02:48 Sen. McClafferty entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:11:00 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students

15:13:31 Eric Feaver, Montana Federation of Public Employees

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:16:34 Clayton Christian, commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:21:29 Sen. Blasdel

15:22:30 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:22:53 Shauna Albrecht, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:23:31 Sen. Blasdel

15:23:49 Ms. Albrecht, LFD

15:24:03 Sen. Regier

15:24:24 Mr. McCracken, LSD

15:24:42 Sen. McClafferty

15:25:19 Mr. Christian, OCHE

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:25:54 Sen. Salomon

15:27:51 Chair Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

**HEARING ON SB 110**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:28:01 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 110, Increase the age limit in the definition of pupil.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:30:02 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

15:32:12 Rick Duncan, School Administrators of Montana

15:33:54 Eric Feaver, Montana Federation of Public Employees

15:34:31 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:37:09 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:37:33 Sen. Boland  
15:38:01 Ms. Dean, MTSBA  
15:38:13 Sen. Webber  
15:38:40 Ms. Flath, OPI  
15:39:06 Chair Salomon  
15:39:46 Sen. McClafferty  
15:40:03 Sen. Tempel  
15:40:22 Ms. Flath  
15:41:08 Chair Salomon  
15:43:13 Ms. Flath

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:44:03 Sen. McClafferty

15:44:29 Brief Recess

15:53:23 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 92**

15:53:31 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 92 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
(Amendment SB009201.ARM previously voted on and passed by committee on 1/18/2019)

**Discussion:**

15:54:06 Chair Salomon

15:54:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 6**

15:54:50 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 6 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

15:55:08 Sen. McClafferty

15:55:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 118**

15:55:41 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 118 BE TABLED.**  
**EXHIBIT(eds13a01)**

**Discussion:**

15:56:06 Sen. Regier

15:56:08 Chair Salomon

15:56:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:56:20 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:56 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**Additional Document**

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