

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 28, 2019 at 2:45 PM, in Room 303 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 139, 1/21/2019; SB 132, 1/22/2019; SB 35, 1/24/2019;  
SB 164, 1/24/2019.

Executive Action: SB 60, Do Pass; SB 110, Be Tabled

14:46:33 Chair Salomon

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 60**

14:47:57 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 60 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:48:17 Chair Salomon

14:48:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 110**

14:48:49 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 110 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:49:01 Sen. McClafferty

14:49:27 Sen. Regier

14:49:55 Sen. Webber

14:50:25 Sen. Regier

14:50:49 Sen. Boland

14:51:33 Chair Salomon

14:51:39 Sen. Tempel

14:51:59 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Webber voting aye.

14:52:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 110 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 5-3 by voice vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Webber voting no.

14:53:13 Recess

14:59:40 Reconvened

14::59:41 Chair Salomon

**HEARING ON SB 132**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:14 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 132, Creating a student safety accountability act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:05:41 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

**[EXHIBIT\(eds16a01\)](#)**

15:10:42 Ole Olsen, prosecutor, Department of Justice

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:11:47 Debra Silk, Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

**EXHIBIT(eds16a02)**

**Informational Testimony:**

15:14:16 Kyle Moen, Office of Public Instruction

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:14:40 Sen. McClafferty

15:15:46 Sen. Regier

15:16:45 Chair Salomon

15:17:10 Sen. Regier

15:17:24 Sen. Webber

15:18:05 Sen. Regier

15:18:50 Sen. Webber

15:19:17 Ms. Silk, MT-PEC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:20:33 Sen. Regier

**HEARING ON SB 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:39 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 35, Generally revise school safety laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:25:27 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

15:26:42 Debra Silk, Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

15:28:06 Tom Billteen, bureau chief, Youth Court Services, Judicial Branch

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:30:37 Sen. Regier

15:31:18 Sen. Thomas

15:32:04 Ms. Silk, MT-PEC

15:35:30 Sen. Regier

15:35:48 Ms. Silk

15:36:57 Sen. Tempel

15:39:33 Sen. Thomas

15:40:54 Sen. Webber

15:41:24 Sen. Thomas

15:41:35 Sen. Boland

15:42:13 Sen. Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:43:02 Sen. Thomas

15:44:34 Chair Salomon

**HEARING ON SB 164**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:44:49 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 164, Generally revise school safety laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:50:03 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:53:04 Mike Spini, fire marshal, City of Billings

**EXHIBIT(eds16a03)**

15:57:27 Lou Antonick, fire marshal, City of Helena

16:00:56 Richard Hennequin, fire marshal, City of Belgrade

16:05:16 Dax Fraser, fire marshal, City of Missoula

**Informational Testimony:**

16:08:50 Dick Swingley, State Fire Marshal, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:09:18 Chair Salomon  
16:10:28 Mr. Fraser, City of Missoula  
16:11:02 Sen. McClafferty  
16:11:19 Mr. Antonick, City of Helena  
16:13:51 Sen. Regier  
16:17:07 Sen. Thomas  
16:17:28 Sen. Regier  
16:19:37 Mr. Spini, City of Billings  
16:20:51 Sen. Webber  
16:22:24 Sen. Thomas  
16:22:32 Sen. Webber  
16:23:50 Mr. Swingley, DOJ  
16:23:05 Mr. Spini  
16:24:07 Sen. McClafferty  
16:24:26 Mr. Spini  
16:25:59 Chair Salomon  
16:26:32 Sen. Thomas  
16:27:03 Chair Salomon

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:27:21 Sen. Thomas

16:29:14 Chair Salomon

**HEARING ON SB 139**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:29:34 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 139, Revise retiree return to work provisions in teachers' retirement system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:33:47 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(eds16a04\)](#)

16:47:07 Rene Rasmussen, superintendent, Bainville Public School (BPS)

16:50:32 Daniel Farr, Northeast Rural Schools

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:52:09 Shawn Graham, Montana Teacher's Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(eds16a05\)](#)

17:03:01 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

[EXHIBIT\(eds16a06\)](#)

17:12:52 Marilyn Hamer, Montana Retired Educators Association

17:14:39 Charlene Suckow, Montana AARP

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:16:26 Sen. Regier

17:17:00 Ms. Fladmo, MFPE

17:17:49 Chair Salomon

17:24:23 Mr. Graham, TRS

17:24:40 Sen. Regier

17:27:27 Mr. Parman, MREA

17:28:11 Sen. Regier

17:30:23 Ms. Rasmussen, BPS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:31:04 Sen. Lang

17:34:22 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:35 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**Additional Document**

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([eds16aad.pdf](#))**