

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 13, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 177, 3/11/2019; HB 388, 3/11/2019; HB 601, 3/11/2019;
HB 619, 3/11/2019

Executive Action: HB 158, Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 212, Be Concurred In

14:55:52 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 601

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:56:57 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 601, Transfer funds within OPI for school safety professional development grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:58:31 Sen. McClafferty left the hearing.

14:58:33 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:59:43 Chair Salomon

15:00:28 Mr. Bailey, OPI

15:00:39 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

15:00:52 Rep. Fuller

15:01:54 Chair Salomon

15:02:22 Sen. Tempel

15:02:56 Brief Recess

15:03:37 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 619

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:02 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 619, Revise student data privacy laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:40 Jule Walker, Office of Public Instruction

15:07:44 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees

15:08:19 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:09:10 Barbara Wagner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:34 Sen. Regier

15:09:48 Mr. Trevor, OCHE

15:10:42 Chair Salomon
15:12:10 Ms. Wagner, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

15:12:50 Rep. Zolnikov

15:14:07 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 177

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:14:55 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 177, Allow school districts to use equalization aid for preschool programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:41 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

15:19:23 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

15:21:11 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:21:46 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:22:14 Sen. Regier

15:22:31 Mr. Bailey, OPI

15:22:59 Sen. Webber

15:23:32 Mr. Bailey

15:24:22 Chair Salomon

15:27:32 Mr. Parman, MREA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:23 Rep. Anderson

15:29:07 Chair Salomon

15:29:20 Rep. Anderson

15:29:25 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 388

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:29:58 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 388, Generally revise education laws related to students with exceptional needs.

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Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:41 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

15:34:49 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

15:36:18 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees

15:36:58 Daniel Farr, Northeast Rural Schools
15:37:15 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:38:12 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:38:45 Rep. Caferro

15:39:10 Chair Salomon

15:40:12 Brief Recess
15:48:08 Reconvened

15:48:20 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 158

15:48:27 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 158 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:48:34 Chair Salomon

15:49:06 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 158 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(eds51a02\)](#)

Discussion:

15:49:22 Sen. Bogner
15:50:21 Sen. Tempel

15:50:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy.

15:51:03 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 158 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:51:11 Sen. Regier
15:51:31 Sen. Webber
15:52:20 Chair Salomon
15:52:29 Sen. Webber
15:52:35 Sen. Bogner

15:52:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy. Sen. Bogner will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212

15:53:25 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 212 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:53:37 Chair Salomon

15:54:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

15:54:45 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:56 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds51aad.pdf](#))