

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 20, 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. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Keith Regier, Vice Chair (R)

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: HB 41, 3/13/2019; HB 576, 3/13/2019

Executive Action: HB 601, Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 351, Be Concurred In; HB 387, Be Concurred In

15:05:14 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:06:04 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 41, Extend the Cultural Integrity and Commitment Act (language immersion programs).

[EXHIBIT\(eds57a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:48 Jordon Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
15:11:36 Cinda Burd, Montana Native Vote
15:12:06 Reydon Whalawaitsa, self
15:14:35 Jonathon Eagleman, Box Elder Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:17:31 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:49 Sen. Boland
15:18:34 Ms. Flath, OPI
15:18:54 Sen. Webber
15:20:17 Rep. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:35 Rep. Windy Boy
15:20:58 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 576

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:21:54 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 576, Revise school finance laws related to gifts and endowments.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:39 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
15:28:03 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
15:29:21 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:30:14 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:30:39 Sen. Boland

15:33:50 Mr. Melton, MTSBA
 15:35:00 Sen. Webber
 15:35:35 Mr. Melton
 15:36:42 Sen. Webber
 15:37:29 Mr. Melton
 15:38:39 Chair Salomon
 15:40:08 Rep. Bedey
 15:40:22 Chair Salomon
 15:40:25 Sen. Boland
 15:41:05 Rep. Bedey
 15:41:34 Mr. Melton
 15:43:03 Sen. Webber
 15:43:31 Mr. Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

15:45:07 Rep. Bedey
 15:46:24 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.
 15:46:58 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 601

15:48:47 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 601 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:48:59 Sen. Blasdel

15:49:20 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 601 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(eds57a02\)](#)

Discussion:

15:49:43 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:50:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. K. Regier voted by proxy.

15:50:23 Sen. Blasdel

15:50:33 Mr. McCracken, LSD

15:50:52 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 601 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:51:02 Sen. Boland

15:51:21 Mr. McCracken

15:51:52 Sen. Boland

15:52:39 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction

15:53:00 Chair Salomon

15:53:04 Sen. Webber

15:53:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. K. Regier voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 351

15:54:19 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 351 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:54:28 Chair Salomon
15:54:34 Sen. Blasdel
15:54:50 Chair Salomon
15:55:01 Sen. Webber
15:56:05 Sen. Tempel
15:57:47 Chair Salomon
15:58:16 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
16:00:01 Sen. Boland
16:00:33 Chair Salomon
16:00:47 Mr. Melton, MTSBA
16:03:26 Sen. Boland
16:03:37 Mr. Melton
16:05:04 Sen. Webber
16:05:49 Chair Salomon
16:05:55 Mr. Melton
16:06:58 Chair Salomon
16:07:11 Sen. Boland
16:07:56 Mr. Melton
16:09:11 Chair Salomon
16:09:16 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
16:11:37 Chair Salomon

16:12:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. K. Regier voting no. Sen. K. Regier voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 387

16:12:42 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 387 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:12:51 Chair Salomon
16:13:12 Sen. Webber
16:14:02 Chair Salomon
16:14:06 Sen. Boland
16:14:44 Chair Salomon

16:14:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. K. Regier voting no. Sen. K. Regier voted by proxy. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

16:15:26 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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