

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 22, 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: HB 218, 3/19/2019; HB 295, 3/19/2019

HEARING ON HB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:04 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 295, Create grant program to encourage work-based learning.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:42 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
 15:06:50 David Smith, executive director, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)
 15:09:19 T.J. Eyer, division administrator, Career, Tech and Adult Education, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
 15:10:09 Scott Walter, elected trustee, board chairman, East Helena Public Schools
 15:11:36 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
 15:13:03 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Bozeman; City of Billings
 15:13:35 Dianne Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Coalition
 15:13:59 Sen. McClafferty entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:09 Sen. Boland
 15:15:40 Rep. Anderson
 15:16:18 Sen. Boland
 15:16:31 Rep. Anderson
 15:17:15 Sen. Regier
 15:17:28 Rep. Anderson
 15:18:46 Sen. Regier
 15:19:02 Rep. Anderson
 15:19:20 Sen. Webber
 15:19:43 Rep. Anderson
 15:20:03 Sen. Webber
 15:20:21 Chair Salomon
 15:20:40 Rep. Anderson
 15:20:52 Mr. Eyer, OPI
 15:21:43 Chair Salomon
 15:21:54 Mr. Eyer
 15:22:36 Sen. Boland
 15:22:51 Mr. Eyer
 15:23:32 Sen. Boland
 15:24:16 Mr. Eyer
 15:24:21 Sen. Boland
 15:24:29 Mr. Eyer
 15:24:45 Sen. Webber
 15:25:24 Mr. Eyer
 15:25:52 Sen. Webber
 15:26:07 Mr. Eyer
 15:26:23 Chair Salomon

15:27:18 Mr. Smith, OPI
 15:28:44 Chair Salomon
 15:29:01 Mr. Smith
 15:29:56 Chair Salomon
 15:30:03 Mr. Mahlum, MCC
 15:30:52 Chair Salomon
 15:31:08 Mr. Mahlum
 15:31:50 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

15:31:57 Rep. Anderson

 15:33:08 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 218

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:34:53 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 218, Generally revise laws related to career and technical education.

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Proponents' Testimony:

15:37:43 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
 15:44:13 David Smith, executive director, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)
 15:45:27 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 15:46:09 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Bozeman; City of Billings; Billings Clinic
 15:49:56 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
 15:53:48 Scott Walter, elected trustee, board chairman, East Helena Public Schools (EHPS)
 15:56:48 T.J. Eyer, division administrator, Career, Tech and Adult Education, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
 15:58:55 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce; Billings Chamber of Commerce
 16:00:17 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association
 16:01:08 Dianne Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Coalition
 16:02:07 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:03:47 Sen. McClaffety
 16:05:29 Mr. Walter, EHPS
 16:05:40 Mr. Eyer, OPI
 16:05:49 Sen. McClafferty
 16:05:58 Mr. Eyer
 16:06:35 Sen. Regier
 16:11:00 Mr. Melton, MTSBA
 16:11:13 Sen. Webber
 16:11:35 Mr. Melton

16:12:34 Sen. Tempel
16:13:07 Mr. Smith, MCA
16:13:37 Chair Salomon
16:14:00 Rep. Vinton
16:14:23 Mr. Melton
16:15:24 Chair Salomon
16:15:52 Mr. Melton
16:16:31 Sen. Webber
16:19:02 Mr. Melton
16:19:22 Sen. Boland
16:20:36 Mr. Melton
16:23:49 Sen. Boland

Closing by Sponsor:

16:24:45 Rep. Vinton

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:27 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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