

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on April 5, 2019 at 3:41 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. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Kenneth Bogner (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 643, 4/3/2019; HB 754, 4/3/2019; HB 774, 4/3/2019
Executive Action: HB 218, Amended only

15:41:03 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 754

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:41:57 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 754, Create study commission to review MUS restructuring.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:43:45 Rep. David Bedey, HD 86

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:01 Sen. Webber
15:46:41 Rep. Vinton
15:46:48 Sen. McClafferty
15:47:17 Rep. Vinton
15:48:31 Chair Salomon
15:48:37 Rep. Vinton
15:49:26 Chair Salomon
15:49:41 Rep. Vinton

Closing by Sponsor:

15:50:05 Rep. Vinton

HEARING ON HB 774

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:51:04 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 774, Create computer coding student employment pilot program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:02 Jordon Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
15:55:35 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote

EXHIBIT(eds71a01)

15:57:45 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:03:03 Sen. Regier
16:03:11 Rep. Windy Boy
16:03:40 Sen. Regier
16:03:52 Sen. McClafferty

16:05:35 Rep. Windy Boy
16:06:16 Sen. Boland
16:06:38 Rep. Windy Boy
16:07:38 Chair Salomon
16:09:00 Rep. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

16:09:59 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 643

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:10:44 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 643, Extend state lands reimbursement block grant for schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:14:49 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

16:16:08 Dan Farr, Northeast Rural Schools

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:17:54 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:18:17 Sen. Regier
16:19:01 Rep. Knudsen
16:19:10 Sen. Regier
16:19:23 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division
16:19:49 Sen. Regier
16:19:59 Chair Salomon
16:20:08 Sen. Regier
16:20:14 Rep. Knudsen
16:20:17 Sen. Tempel
16:20:32 Rep. Knudsen
16:20:50 Chair Salomon
16:21:04 Sen. Tempel
16:21:09 Chair Salomon
16:21:11 Rep. Knudsen
16:21:49 Sen. Tempel
16:22:48 Rep. Knudsen
16:22:59 Sen. Webber
16:23:29 Rep. Knudsen
16:23:45 Chair Salomon
16:23:56 Rep. Knudsen
16:24:04 Chair Salomon
16:26:20 Mr. Taylor, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

16:26:47 Rep. Knudsen

16:28:15 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 218

16:28:53 Chair Salomon

16:29:27 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 218 BE CONCURRED IN.**
EXHIBIT(eds71a02)
EXHIBIT(eds71a03)

16:30:01 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 218 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:30:37 Chair Salomon
16:31:04 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:34:25 Sen. McClafferty
16:34:35 Mr. McCracken, LSD
16:36:04 Sen. Regier
16:36:11 Sen. McClafferty
16:36:21 Sen. Webber
16:36:59 Mr. McCracken
16:39:11 Sen. McClafferty
16:39:24 Mr. McCracken

16:40:06 Chair Salomon

16:40:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bogner voted by proxy.

16:40:49 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 218 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:41:19 Sen. Boland
16:41:34 Chair Salomon
16:42:10 Sen. Webber
16:42:36 Chair Salomon
16:42:42 Sen. Webber
16:42:58 Chair Salomon
16:43:22 Mr. McCracken
16:44:19 Chair Salomon
16:44:49 Sen. McClafferty
16:45:09 Mr. McCracken
16:46:18 Sen. McClafferty
16:46:25 Mr. McCracken
16:46:56 Sen. Boland
16:47:15 Chair Salomon
16:47:23 Sen. Blasdel
16:47:35 Chair Salomon
16:47:41 Sen. Blasdel
16:47:57 Chair Salomon

16:48:07 Without objection, Sen. Regier withdrew the Be Concurred In As Amended motion.
16:48:10 Chair Salomon
16:48:30 Sen. Webber
16:49:06 Chair Salomon
16:49:11 Sen. Boland
16:49:25 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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