

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 11, 2021 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch
Lindsey Bales, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 23, 1/4/2021; SB 24, 1/4/2021; SR 2, 1/5/2021

Executive Action: SB 25, Do Pass

14:29:52 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 25

14:31:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 25 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARING ON SR 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:31:00 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SR2, Approve organization of Bitterroot valley community college district.

14:39:02 Bitterroot Valley Community College video presentation.

14:42:10 Chair Salomon

Proponents' Testimony:

14:42:24 RAN Pigman, Pigman Builders
[EXHIBIT\(eds06a01\)](#)

14:48:03 Julie Foster, Ravalli County Economic Development Authority
[EXHIBIT\(eds06a02\)](#)

14:50:05 Tom Korst, Hamilton School District
[EXHIBIT\(eds06a03\)](#)

14:52:25 Tor Gudmundsson, student
[EXHIBIT\(eds06a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

14:56:21 Brock Tessman, Montana University System (MUS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:57:04 Sen. Tempel
14:57:44 Sen. Ellsworth
14:58:01 Sen. Regier
14:58:16 Sen. Ellsworth
14:59:02 Sen. Regier
15:00:46 Mr. Pigman, Pigman Builders
15:02:23 Sen. Regier
15:03:05 Mr. Tessman, MUS
15:04:40 Sen. Manzella
15:05:47 Mr. Tessman
15:07:12 Sen. Bogner
15:07:44 Mr. Tessman
15:08:41 Sen. Webber
15:11:08 Mr. Tessman

15:12:06 Sen. O'Brien
15:12:22 Sen. Manzella
15:16:33 Mr. Pigman
15:17:25 Chair Salomon
15:17:51 Mr. Pigman
15:19:55 Sen. Manzella

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:15 Sen. Ellsworth

15:46:20 Vice Chair Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

15:46:38 Sen. Hertz

HEARING ON SB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:24:07 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB24, Allow nonoperating school districts to retain oil and gas revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:27:21 Rick Duncan, School Administrators of Montana
15:29:26 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association

EXHIBIT(eds06a05)

15:30:34 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

Additional testimony received:

EXHIBIT(eds06a06)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:32:41 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:33:06 Sen. Bogner
15:33:18 Sen. Salomon
15:33:40 Mr. Taylor, OPI
15:34:02 Sen. Regier
15:34:17 Mr. Taylor
15:36:16 Sen. Hertz
15:36:34 Sen. Salomon
15:37:26 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division
15:37:37 Mr. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

15:38:49 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:39:34 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB23, Eliminate state school flexibility account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:40:45 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds06a07\)](#)

15:42:38 Rick Duncan, School Administrators of Montana

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(eds06a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:44:43 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:45:17 Sen. Salomon

15:45:56 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:47 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds06aad.pdf](#))