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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Lindsey Bales, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 42, 1/7/2021; SB 72, 1/7/2021; SB 75, 1/7/2021

Executive Action: SR 2, Tabled; SB 23, Do Pass, SB 24, Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:31:33 Sen. Carlie Boland (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB42, Allow use of school major maintenance funds for lead remediation.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:36:54 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a01\)](#)

14:39:10 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a02\)](#)

14:40:46 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

14:43:57 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a04\)](#)

14:44:45 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(eds08a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:45:29 Sen. McClafferty

14:47:07 Mr. Davis, DEQ

14:47:33 Sen. Regier entered the hearing.

14:47:57 Chair Salomon

14:49:11 Sen. Boland

14:49:34 Chair Salomon

14:49:46 Sen. Hertz

14:50:03 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

14:50:41 Sen. Manzella entered the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

14:51:04 Sen. Boland

14:52:03 Vice Chair Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:52:08 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB75, Revise school funding laws related to unforeseen emergencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:53:53 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a06\)](#)

14:55:19 Sen. Bogner entered the hearing.

14:58:33 Sen. Hertz left the hearing.

14:58:53 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a07\)](#)

15:00:48 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a08\)](#)

15:02:44 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a09\)](#)

Additional testimony received:
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a10\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:03:34 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:04:00 Sen. Regier

15:04:20 Mr. Taylor, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

15:05:13 Sen. Salomon

15:05:53 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:06:15 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB72, Revise school laws related to participation in extracurricular activities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:13:40 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a11\)](#)

15:15:51 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds08a12\)](#)

15:16:51 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(eds08a13\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:18:35 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:10 Chair Salomon

15:19:26 Sen. Regier

15:21:20 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

15:22:00 Sen. Regier

15:22:33 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 2

15:23:12 Chair Salomon

15:23:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 2 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

15:24:40 Sen. Hertz entered the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 23

15:25:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 23 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24

15:27:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 24 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

15:27:03 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:27 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds08aad.pdf](#))