

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 18, 2021 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Meeting 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 Video Zoom Conference:**

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (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 18, 1/14/2021; SB 95, 1/14/2021  
Executive Action: SB 42, Do Pass, SB 72, Do Pass, SB 75, Be Tabled

**Committee Business:**

14:46:52 Chair Salomon  
14:47:06 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
14:48:25 Sen. Regier  
14:49:00 Chair Salomon  
14:50:04 Mr. McCracken, LSD  
14:50:06 Sen. McClafferty  
14:51:43 Mr. McCracken  
14:53:14 Chair Salomon  
14:53:25 Sen. O'Brien  
14:54:06 Chair Salomon  
14:54:17 Sen. Hertz  
14:55:47 Mr. McCracken  
14:56:16 Chair Salomon  
14:57:11 Mr. McCracken  
14:57:48 Chair Salomon  
14:58:47 Charlene Devine, committee secretary  
14:58:53 Sen. McClafferty  
14:59:23 Chair Salomon  
14:59:29 Sen. Webber  
15:00:02 Sen. Regier  
15:00:37 Mr. McCracken  
  
15:01:10 Sen. Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

**HEARING ON SB 18**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:35 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB18, Establish graduation requirements for educationally-disrupted youth.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:42 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberties of Montana  
15:04:48 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
15:07:21 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association; also speaking for Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

**[EXHIBIT\(eds11a01\)](#)**

15:09:22 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees

**[EXHIBIT\(eds11a02\)](#)**

Additional testimony received:

**[EXHIBIT\(eds11a03\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:11:16 Sen. Regier  
15:12:28 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:13:10 Sen. Salomon  
  
15:14:08 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

**HEARING ON SB 95**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:14:50 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 95, Revise school funding inflationary adjustment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:18:22 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association  
15:23:40 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(eds11a04\)](#)**

15:25:38 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials  
15:27:27 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees  
15:29:13 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association; also speaking for Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

**[EXHIBIT\(eds11a05\)](#)**

Additional testimony received:

**[EXHIBIT\(eds11a06\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:30:30 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Informational Testimony:**

15:37:09 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:37:35 Sen. Regier  
15:38:08 Sen. McClafferty  
15:38:19 Mr. Taylor, OPI  
15:40:39 Sen. Tempel  
15:41:06 Mr. Taylor  
15:41:59 Chair Salomon  
15:46:37 Mr. Taylor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:48:19 Sen. McClafferty  
  
15:49:04 Chair Salomon

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 42**

15:50:54 Chair Salomon

15:50:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 42 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 72**

15:51:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 72 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75**

15:54:10 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 75 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

15:54:23 Sen. Regier

15:56:29 Chair Salomon

15:56:56 Sen. Regier

15:57:05 Sen. O'Brien

15:57:53 Sen. Hertz

15:58:14 Chair Salomon

15:58:48 Sen. Hertz

15:59:02 Padraic McCracken, Legislature Services Division (LSD)

15:59:44 Sen. Hertz

15:59:50 Chair Salomon

16:00:07 Mr. McCracken, LSD

16:01:33 Sen. Hertz

16:02:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hertz made a substitute motion that **SB 75 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Salomon voting no.

16:02:59 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:04 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds11aad.pdf](#))