

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM, 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. 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. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

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 109, 1/25/2021
Executive Action: HB 100, Be Concurred In

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 100

15:02:49 Sen. Regier
15:03:03 Chair Salomon

15:03:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **HB 100 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy. Sen. McNally will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 109

15:04:52 Sen. Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:53 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB109, Revise laws related to gifted and talented education.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:41 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education (MT AGATE)

15:11:42 Holly Kincaid, MT AGATE

15:14:16 Julie Merritt, MT AGATE

15:16:41 Sen. Webber entered the hearing.

15:17:28 Margaret Bentwood, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(eds26a01\)](#)

15:32:34 Tamara Fisher Alley, Polson School District 23

[EXHIBIT\(eds26a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:22:27 Kirk Miller, Montana Public Education Center

[EXHIBIT\(eds26a03\)](#)

15:30:59 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education

[EXHIBIT\(eds26a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:35:55 Sen. Regier

15:36:38 Sen. Salomon

15:37:44 Ms. St. Lawrence, MT AGATE

15:39:28 Sen. Regier

15:39:41 Ms. St. Lawrence

15:40:27 Sen. McClafferty

15:40:50 Sen. Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:30 Sen. Salomon

15:42:31 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:44 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds26aad.pdf](#))