

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 9, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Katherine Anderson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kris Wilkinson, 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: SB 81, 2/4/2021; HB 15, 2/4/2021

a13:59:25 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:01:01 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB81, Include prepaid wireless in 9-1-1 tax.

Proponents' Testimony: None

14:02:34 Geoff Feiss, general manager, Montana Telecommunications Association
[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a01\)](#)

14:03:00 Sen. Kary, Sen. Howard, and Sen. Smith joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

14:04:00 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:04:22 Chair Osmundson
14:04:32 Chris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
14:05:17 Sen. Ellis
14:06:29 Sen. Regier
14:06:50 Sen. Ellis

Closing by Sponsor:

14:07:05 Sen. Regier

14:07:08 Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:08:02 Sen. Dan Solomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on HB15, Implement K-12 Inflation.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:09:54 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
14:11:46 Amy Sassano, deputy budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
14:12:19 Emily Dean, director of advocacy, Montana School Boards Association
14:13:10 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association
14:13:30 Kirk Miller, executive director, School Administrators of Montana
14:14:38 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a02\)](#)

14:15:39 Dianne Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

14:16:24 Diane Fladmo, director of public policy, Montana Federation of Public Employees

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a03\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

14:17:35 Nancy Hall, OBPP

14:17:43 Paul Taylor, OPI

14:18:03 Julia Pattin, Legislative Fiscal Division

14:18:16 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:18:46 Sen. Ellis

14:19:15 Sen. Salomon

14:19:51 Sen. Ellis

Closing by Sponsor:

14:20:07 Sen. Salomon

14:20:36 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:20 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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