

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 10, 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)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Greg Hertz (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**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: HB 143, 2/8/2021; SB 188, 2/8/2021  
Executive Action: SB 157, Do Pass As Amended; SB 109, Do Pass As Amended; SR 45, Be Tabled

**HEARING ON HB 143**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:24 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB143, Provide incentives for increasing starting teacher pay.

**EXHIBIT(eds28a01)**

15:06:41 Sen. Manzella entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:08:49 Scott Sales, Governor's office (GOV)

15:11:37 Sen. Regier

15:11:48 Mr. Sales, GOV

15:12:30 Sen. Regier

15:13:08 Lance Melton, Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

**EXHIBIT(eds28a02)**

15:19:48 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**EXHIBIT(eds28a03)**

**Additional Testimony Received:**

**EXHIBIT(eds28a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:22:45 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:23:17 Sen. Tempel

15:23:54 Ms. Fladmo, MFPE

15:25:01 Sen. Tempel

15:25:52 Mr. Taylor, OPI

15:26:30 Sen. Regier

15:30:17 Rep. Jones

15:31:52 Sen. McClafferty

15:32:39 Rep. Jones

15:33:59 Chair Salomon

15:36:55 Rep. Jones

15:37:49 Sen. Regier

15:38:43 Rep. Jones

15:39:37 Chair Salomon

15:40:02 Rep. Jones

15:42:04 Sen. Regier

15:44:51 Rep. Jones

15:45:54 Chair Salomon

15:48:31 Mr. Melton, MT-PEC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:49:23 Rep. Jones

15:51:02 Brief Recess

15:56:35 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 188**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:56:39 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB188, Revise school teacher retirement with pension.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:58:37 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

**[EXHIBIT\(eds28a05\)](#)**

16:04:19 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(eds28a06\)](#)**

16:07:09 Jule Walker, Montana School Boards Association

**[EXHIBIT\(eds28a07\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:08:46 Shawn Graham, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

**[EXHIBIT\(eds28a08\)](#)**

16:16:36 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**[EXHIBIT\(eds28a09\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:28:03 Sen. McClafferty

16:30:41 Sen. Lang

16:32:10 Sen. Tempel

16:32:44 Mr. Parman, MREA

16:34:11 Sen. Bogner

16:34:50 Mr. Graham, TRS

16:35:49 Chair Salomon

16:37:23 Mr. Graham

16:38:23 Sen. Tempel

16:38:50 Mr. Graham

16:40:48 Chair Salomon

16:41:05 Ms. Piper, MFPE

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:43:16 Sen. Lang

16:45:03 Chair Salomon

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 157**

16:46:03 Chair Salomon

16:46:23 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 157 DO PASS.**

16:46:47 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 157 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(eds28a10)**

**Discussion:**

16:47:13 Sen. Hinebauch

16:48:26 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:48:56 Sen. McClafferty

16:49:41 Mr. McCracken, LSD

16:50:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz voted by proxy.  
Sen. Webber was excused.

16:51:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 157 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hertz voted by proxy. Sen. Webber was  
excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 109**

16:52:28 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 109 DO PASS.**

16:52:37 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 109 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(eds28a11)**

**Discussion:**

16:53:08 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

16:53:46 Chair Salomon

16:53:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting..  
Sen. Hertz voted by proxy.

16:54:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 109 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hertz voted by proxy. Sen. Webber was  
excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 45**

16:54:53 Chair Salomon

16:55:07 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **SR 45 BE TABLED.**  
**EXHIBIT(eds28a12)**

**Discussion:**

16:55:19 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:56:14 Chair Salomon

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16:56:19 Mr. McCracken, LSD

16:56:26 Chair Salomon

16:56:33 Sen. Regier

16:56:50 Chair Salomon

16:57:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

16:58:34 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:59 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds28aad.pdf](#))