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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 22, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:

Sen. Susan Webber (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: HB 89, 2/15/2021; HB 179, 2/15/2021
Executive Action: SB 206, Do Pass

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206

15:00:36 Sen. Hertz left the hearing.

15:00:38 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 206 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:01:08 Sen. Sweeney

15:01:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz voted by proxy.

15:02:36 Chair Salomon

15:03:57 Brief Recess

15:13:19 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 179

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:13:42 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB179, Generally revise laws related to community colleges.

EXHIBIT(eds37a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:20:41 Jim Morton, Human Resource Council , District 11

Opponents' Testimony:

15:23:11 Jane Karas, Flathead Community College (FCC)

15:24:47 Scott Mickelsen, Dawson Community College (DCC)

15:26:38 Eric Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(eds37a02)

Informational Testimony:

15:28:42 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:29:16 Sen. Manzella

15:31:10 Rep. Bedey

15:32:17 Sen. Regier

15:32:50 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

15:33:43 Sen. Tempel

15:34:14 Ms. Karas, FCC

15:34:39 Sen. Tempel

15:34:48 Mr. Mickelsen, DCC

15:35:05 Sen. Tempel

15:35:23 Rep. Bedey

15:36:59 Sen. O'Brien

15:37:31 Rep. Bedey

15:43:08 Sen. Manzella
15:43:25 Rep. Bedey
15:44:34 Sen. Webber
15:45:15 Rep. Bedey

Closing by Sponsor:

15:48:13 Rep. Bedey

15:49:42 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:50:47 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB89, Revise transformational learning program.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:02:11 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association
16:03:13 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:05:19 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education (MBPE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:02 Sen. McClafferty
16:08:14 Rep. McKamey
16:08:24 Chair Salomon
16:08:52 Rep. McKamey
16:08:59 Sen. Regier
16:13:20 Rep. McKamey
16:13:32 Sen. Regier
16:13:58 Ms. Flynn, MBPE
16:14:14 Sen. Tempel
16:14:37 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

16:14:59 Rep. McKamey

16:21:37 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:23 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds37aad.pdf](#))