

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 24, 2021 at 2:48 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. 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:

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 243, 2/19/2021; SB 281, 2/19/2021; SB 298, 2/22/2021; SB 305, 2/22/2021; SJ 15, 2/23/2021

Executive Action: SB188 - Do Pass As Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 188

14:48:03 Chair Salomon

14:48:24 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 188 DO PASS.**

14:48:45 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 188 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds39a01)

Discussion:

14:49:12 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:50:05 Chair Salomon

14:50:12 Mr. McCracken, LSD

14:50:30 Sen. McClafferty

14:50:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Manzella voted by proxy.

14:51:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen Tempel moved that **SB 188 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. McClafferty and Sen. O'Brien voting no. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Manzella voted by proxy.

14:52:14 Brief Recess

14:57:35 Reconvened

HEARING ON SJ 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:58:31 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SJ15, Approve organization of Bitterroot valley community college district.

EXHIBIT(eds39a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:07 Tor Gudmundsson, student

15:03:42 Janet Woodburn, Sapphire Community College

15:04:57 Rand Pigman, Pigman Builders

15:06:03 Julie Foster, Ravalli County Economic Development

15:07:08 Ryan Wells, Hamilton School District

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:08:12 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:21 Sen. Ellsworth

HEARING ON SB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:10:48 Sen. Bryce Bennett (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB243, Create presumption of domicile for students who join Montana National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:13:29 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of Montana State University
15:14:42 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group
15:15:21 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association, Montana Department of the American Legion (MTNGA)
15:16:52 Jack Rinck, Associated Students of the University of Montana
15:17:50 Allison Reinhardt, Montana Associated Students
15:19:29 Jake Bernal, Montana National Guard

Additional Testimony Received:

[**EXHIBIT\(eds39a03\)**](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:22:26 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:22:50 Chair Salomon
15:23:29 Ms. Lyons, OCHE
15:23:46 Chair Salomon
15:25:21 Sen. Bennett
15:25:44 Chair Salomon
15:25:53 Mr. Hagen, MTNGA
15:26:27 Ms. Lyons

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:49 Sen. Bennett

15:28:35 Chair Salomon

15:28:56 Brief Recess
15:31:43 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 281

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:31:56 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB281, Generally revise Montana dental health policy.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:57 Judy Harbrecht , Montana Dental Hygienist Association (MDHA)
15:41:05 Jestin Dupree, Fort Peck Tribes

[**EXHIBIT\(eds39a04\)**](#)

15:43:41 Frank Gourneau, Poplar School District
15:45:02 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association
15:46:11 Amber Reap, MDHA
15:51:17 Crystal Spring, MDHA
15:55:16 Diedri Durocher, citizen

EXHIBIT(eds39a05)

16:03:41 Brad Longcake, MDHA

EXHIBIT(eds39a06)

16:07:45 Aimee Grmoljez, Delta Dental
16:10:25 Matt Crespin, Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin

EXHIBIT(eds39a07)

16:17:51 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(eds39a08)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:20:57 Al Garver, Montana Dental Association (MDA)
16:26:00 Kevin Rencher, president, Montana Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (MT APD)
16:30:38 Justin Simmons, Hamilton
16:35:41 Felicita Brown, MDA
16:38:24 Jessica Royer, citizen
16:41:05 Jason Tanguay, MDA

Informational Testimony:

16:46:32 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:47:14 Sen. Manzella
16:48:30 Mr. Rencher, MT APD
16:48:54 Sen. Manzella
16:49:05 Sen. Wellborn
16:50:06 Sen. Manzella
16:50:16 Mr. Longcake, MDHA
16:50:56 Sen. Sweeney
16:51:59 Mr. Rencher
16:52:10 Mr. Longcake
16:52:18 Sen. Sweeney
16:53:18 Mr. Rencher
16:54:24 Sen. McClafferty
16:57:01 Mr. Renchor
16:57:49 Sen. McClafferty
16:58:40 Mr. Garver, MDA
16:59:40 Sen. Webber
17:00:45 Mr. Rencher
17:02:08 Sen. Sweeney
17:02:53 Ms. Spring, MDHA

Closing by Sponsor:

17:06:25 Sen. Wellborn

HEARING ON SB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:09:52 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB298, Establish right of conscience laws for K-12 public education.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

17:14:35 Sarah Piper, Montana Public Education Center (MTPEC)

[EXHIBIT\(eds39a09\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(eds39a10\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:15:51 Chair Salomon
17:17:37 Sen. Regier
17:17:53 Sen. Webber
17:18:42 Sen. Regier
17:18:58 Sen. Bogner
17:19:15 Sen. Regier
17:19:47 Sen. Sweeney
17:20:35 Sen. Regier
17:21:13 Chair Salomon
17:22:13 Sen. Regier
17:22:50 Sen. Manzella
17:25:41 Ms. Piper, MTPEC
17:25:59 Sen. Sweeney
17:26:37 Sen. Regier
17:27:54 Sen. Webber
17:28:33 Ms. Piper

Closing by Sponsor:

17:30:00 Sen. Regier

HEARING ON SB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:31:07 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB305, Revise and extend state lands reimbursement block grant for schools.

[EXHIBIT\(eds39a11\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

17:34:58 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

17:35:59 Dennis Parman, Montana Public Education Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

17:37:10 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction, OPI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:37:36 Sen. McClafferty

17:37:56 Mr. Taylor, OPI

17:38:07 Sen. Tempel

17:38:45 Sen. Lang

17:39:07 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

17:39:17 Mr. Taylor

17:40:23 Sen. Tempel

17:40:36 Chair Salomon

17:40:42 Mr. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

17:41:17 Sen. Lang

17:42:19 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:43 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds39aad.pdf](#))