

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 24, 2021 at 9:01 A.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. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm (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. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Katherine Johnson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 91, 2/18/2021; HB 143, 2/18/2021
Executive Action: SB 29 Do Pass; SB 175 Do Pass; SB 192 Do Pass; SB 230 Do Pass; SB 249 Do Pass; SB 91 Do Pass; HB 143 Be Concurred In

09:01:06 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:56 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB91, Require fiscal notes to include business impact.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:47 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

09:03:49 Sen. Ankney and Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs39a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:04:48 Sen. Flowers

09:04:59 Sen. Glimm left the meeting.

09:05:10 Sen. Vance

09:05:41 Sen. Keenan

09:06:20 Ms. Cone, MFBF

Closing by Sponsor:

09:06:55 Sen. Vance

HEARING ON HB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:07:21 Sen. Dan Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on HB143, Provide incentives for increasing starting teacher pay.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:09:42 Glenn Oppel, policy director, Office of the Governor

09:10:44 Emily Dean, director of advocacy, Montana School Boards Association, Montana Public Education Center

09:12:02 Amanda Curtis, elected president, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs39a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:13:59 Paul Taylor, budget analyst, Office of Public Instruction

[EXHIBIT\(fcs39a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:14:35 Sen. Ellis

09:15:06 Sen. Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

09:15:52 Sen. Salomon

09:16:42 Chair Osmundson

09:17:30 Sen. Ellis

09:17:34 Chair Osmundson

09:17:53 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

09:18:23 Recess

09:22:21 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 29

09:22:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 29 DO PASS**. Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Glimm and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

09:25:32 Sen. Smith joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 175

09:25:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 175 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 192

09:26:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 192 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 230

09:27:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 230 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 249

09:27:56 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 249 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

09:28:13 Sen. Lang

09:28:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 91

09:29:08 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 91 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:29:19 Sen. Ellis

09:29:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 143

09:30:57 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 143 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:31:09 Sen. Ankney

09:32:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

09:32:50 Chair Osmundson

09:32:52 Kris. Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs39a04\)](#)

09:32:50 Chair Osmundson

09:33:27 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

09:34:29 Chair Osmundson

09:34:31 Ms. Wilkinson

09:34:35 Chair Osmundson

09:34:41 Sen. Lynch

09:34:46 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:35 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs39aad.pdf](#))