

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 26, 2021 at 9:01 AM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (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. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (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 355, 2/24/2021

Executive Action: SB 100 Do Pass; SB 259 Do Pass

09:01:25 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:13 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB355, Revise payments related to state school trust lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:46 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a01\)](#)

09:10:19 Candace Fladeger, Daniels County

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a02\)](#)

09:10:20 Sen. Keenan left the meeting.

09:12:14 Sen. Welborn and Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.

09:15:58 Sen. Morigeau joined the meeting.

09:17:04 Mikel P. Lund, commissioner, Daniels County

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a04\)](#)

09:24:41 Lee Humbert, chairman, Daniels County Commission

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a05\)](#)

09:27:08 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association

09:27:59 Paul Kanning, farmer, Daniels County

09:29:09 John Brenden, citizen, Daniels County

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:32:50 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)

09:36:49 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

09:39:16 Steve Wahrlich, owner, Best Western Plus Clocktower Inn, Stella's Kitchen and Bakery, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a07\)](#)

09:42:30 Racene Friede, president and CEO, Glacier Country Regional Tourism Commission

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:46:40 Sam Schafer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

09:47:08 Jennifer Pelej, division administrator, Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development, Department of Commerce

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

04:47:52 Chair Osmundson
 09:48:00 Sen. Welborn
 09:49:33 Sen. Lang
 09:49:35 Sen. Welborn
 09:50:15 Sen. Lang
 09:50:27 Sen. Ellis
 09:50:53 Sen. Lang
 09:52:06 Sen. Ellis
 09:52:11 Sen. Lang
 09:54:08 Sen. Bogner
 09:54:24 Sen. Lang
 09:55:01 Sen. Jacobson
 09:56:09 Sen. Lang
 09:57:54 Sen. Flowers
 09:58:57 Sen. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

10:00:15 Sen. Lang

 10:01:05 Recess
 10:18:04 Reconvene

 10:18:37 Chair Osmundson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 100

10:18:50 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 100 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:19:14 Sen. Jacobson
 10:21:16 Sen. Morigeau
 10:22:19 Sen. Cuffe

 10:22:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Glimm and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 159

10:23:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HR 159 DO PASS.** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Glimm and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

 10:25:20 Chair Osmundson
 10:25:34 Sen. Lynch

10:25:42 Chair Osmundson
10:26:41 Sen. Smith
10:26:47 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:27 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs41aad.pdf](#))