

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 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. 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. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 83, 3/26/2021; SB 343, 3/26/2021; HB 246, 3/26/2021; HB 192, 3/26/2021

Executive Action: SR 83 - Be Adopted

15:01:38 Sen. Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SR 83 (Jane Lee Hamman)

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:46 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR83, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Public Education.

EXHIBIT(eds48a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:13 Liane Taylor, Governor's Office

15:04:12 Jane Lee Hamman, Governor's appointee

EXHIBIT(eds48a02)

15:14:24 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

15:16:52 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:18:12 McCall Flynn, Board of Public Education

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:18:43 Sen. Manzella

15:19:19 Ms. Hamman, appointee

15:19:34 Sen. Regier

15:19:46 Ms. Hamman

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:05 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SR 83 (Mary A. Heller)

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:20:24 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR83, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Public Education.

EXHIBIT(eds48a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:00 Mary Heller, Governor's appointee

15:24:56 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

15:26:13 Todd OHair, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:28:50 McCall Flynn, Board of Public Education

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:26 Sen. Salomon

15:31:15 Sen. Salomon left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 246

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:31:52 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB246, Revise education laws to enhance local control and opportunities for pupils.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:34:21 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:35:59 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association

15:37:28 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

15:38:24 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

15:39:26 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA); Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

EXHIBIT(eds48a04)

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(eds48a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:51:00 Sen. O'Brien

15:51:51 Mr. Melton, MT-PEC

15:53:27 Sen. Bogner

15:54:41 Mr. Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:28 Rep. Bertoglio

HEARING ON SB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:58:08 Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB343, Establish Montana TEC scholarship program to promote CTE.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:01:50 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:03:46 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:04:13 Sen. Hertz
16:05:59 Ms. Lyons, OCHE
16:06:22 Sen. Regier
16:10:45 Sen. O'Brien
16:11:03 Ms. Lyons
16:11:21 Sen. Regier
16:11:29 Ms. Lyons
16:11:54 Sen. Regier
16:12:21 Sen. O'Brien

Closing by Sponsor:

16:12:35 Sen. O'Brien

HEARING ON HB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:14:53 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB192, Revising laws related to school major maintenance funding.

16:17:24 Sen. Salomon entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:21:19 Paul Taylor, Office of the Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:21:45 Sen. Regier
16:22:11 Rep. Reksten
16:22:32 Sen. Regier
16:24:12 Mr. Taylor, OPI
16:24:37 Sen. Salomon
16:29:00 Rep. Reksten
16:29:46 Chair Tempel
16:29:56 Rep. Reksten
16:30:11 Mr. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

16:31:18 Rep. Reksten

16:32:34 Sen Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

16:32:49 Chair Salomon

16:33:42 Brief Recess
16:37:10 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 83

16:37:15

Motion/Vote: Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 83 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds48aad.pdf](#))