

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 17, 2021 at 3:17 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. Mark Sweeney (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:

Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (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: SR 38, 3/10/2021; SR 39, 3/10/2021; HB 67, 3/12/2021; HB 233,
3/12/2021

Executive Action:

SR 38 - Be Adopted

SR 39 - Be Not Adopted

HB 454 - Be Concurred In

15:17:35 Vice Chair Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SR 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:58 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR38, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Montana Arts Council.

[EXHIBIT\(eds53a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:22:08 Sean Chandler, Governor's appointee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:24:23 Kristin Burgoyne, Montana Arts Council

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:24:58 Sen. Sweeney

15:25:21 Mr. Chandler, appointee

15:26:51 Sen. Sweeney

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:12 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SR 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:38 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR39, Confirm Governor appointees to the Montana Arts Council.

[EXHIBIT\(eds53a02\)](#)

15:31:45 Sen. Webber entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:34:12 Jean Steele, Governor's appointee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:32:39 Kristin Burgoyne, Montana Arts Council

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:39:06 Sen. McClafferty

15:39:22 Ms. Steele, appointee

Closing by Sponsor:

15:40:24 Sen. Salomon

15:41:18 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:41:41 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB233, Revise funding for students with disabilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:45:04 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

15:47:58 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association;
Association for Gifted and Talented Education

15:49:17 Sen. Christopher Pope, SD 31

15:53:25 Chair Salomon

15:53:39 Sen. Pope

15:55:49 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services

[EXHIBIT\(eds53a03\)](#)

15:56:12 Sen. Sweeney left the meeting.

15:58:45 Walker Asserson, self

[EXHIBIT\(eds53a04\)](#)

16:01:04 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees

16:03:18 Elizabeth Cummings, Kalispell Public Schools (KPS)

[EXHIBIT\(eds53a05\)](#)

Additional Testimony Recieved:

[EXHIBIT\(eds53a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:06:12 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:40 Sen. O'Brien

16:07:02 Ms. Brenneman, DRM

16:08:16 Sen. O'Brien

16:08:33 Rep. Anderson

16:09:41 Sen. Tempel

16:10:08 Ms. Cummings, KPS

16:11:35 Chair Salomon

16:12:12 Ms. Cummings

16:13:27 Chair Salomon

16:13:38 Sen. McClafferty

16:14:04 Ms. Brenneman

Closing by Sponsor:

16:15:29 Rep. Anderson

HEARING ON HB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:22:21 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB67, Generally revise community college funding laws.

EXHIBIT(eds53a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:32:25 Scott Mickelsen, Dawson Community College

16:33:44 Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College

16:35:54 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:37:11 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:37:51 Sen. McClafferty

16:38:11 Rep. Jones

16:39:23 Chair Salomon

16:42:46 Rep. Jones

16:43:54 Sen. Manzella

16:44:06 Rep. Jones

16:44:26 Chair Salomon

16:44:42 Rep. Jones

16:44:54 Sen. O'Brien

16:45:08 Rep. Jones

16:45:44 Ms. Lyons, OCHE

Closing by Sponsor:

16:46:26 Rep. Jones

16:47:43 Chair Salomon

16:50:17 Brief Recess

16:54:37 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 38

16:55:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 38 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz, Sen. K. Regier and Sen. Sweeney voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 39

16:56:01 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 39 BE NOT ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:56:12 Sen. O'Brien

16:57:06 Sen. McClafferty

16:57:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Sweeney, and Sen. Webber voted nay. Sen. Hertz, Sen. Regier, and Sen. Sweeney voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 454

16:58:51 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **HB 454 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:59:00 Chair Salomon

16:59:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz, Sen. K. Regier and Sen. Sweeney voted by proxy. Sen. Regier will carry the bill.

17:00:04 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds53aad.pdf](#))