

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 24, 2021 at 2:50 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. Greg Hertz (R)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

**Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:**

Sen. Shannon O'Brien (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

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 46, 3/15/2021; HB 206, 3/15/2021

Executive Action:

HB 556 - Be Concurred In

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 556**

14:53:19 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **HB 556 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:53:34 Chair Salomon  
14:53:45 Sen. McClafferty  
14:54:12 Sen. Sweeney  
14:54:29 Sen. O'Brien

14:54:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Manzella voted by proxy. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON HB 46**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:55:42 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB46, Revise special education funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:58:32 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana  
**EXHIBIT(eds58a01)**

15:00:10 Sen. Manzella entered the meeting.

15:02:23 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association  
**EXHIBIT(eds58a02)**

15:06:11 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees  
15:08:11 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition  
15:09:36 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials  
**EXHIBIT(eds58a03)**

15:10:56 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

**Additional Testimony Received:**

**EXHIBIT(eds58a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:12:37 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:12:56 Sen. Regier  
15:15:17 Mr. Taylor, OPI  
15:16:55 Sen. Regier  
15:17:05 Chair Salomon  
15:17:24 Mr. Taylor  
15:18:33 Chair Salomon

15:18:47 Rep. Bedey  
15:20:39 Sen. Tempel  
15:21:04 Rep. Bedey  
15:22:58 Sen. Regier  
15:23:12 Rep. Bedey  
15:24:27 Sen. Regier  
15:24:55 Mr. Taylor  
15:26:11 Sen. Bogner  
15:26:32 Rep. Bedey  
15:27:38 Sen. O'Brien  
15:28:36 Rep. Bedey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:29:49 Rep. Bedey

**HEARING ON HB 206**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:32:03 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB206, Revise education laws related to tuition and in-state treatment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:34:31 Bill Warden, Shodair Children's Hospital  
15:37:01 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA); Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

**EXHIBIT(eds58a05)**

15:39:12 Mike Chavers, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch

**Additional Testimony Received:**

**EXHIBIT(eds58a06)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:41:38 Tom Livers, Shodair Children's Hospital  
15:42:20 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:42:49 Sen. McClafferty  
15:43:34 Rep. Bedey  
15:44:35 Chair Salomon  
15:45:43 Rep. Bedey  
15:46:47 Sen. McClafferty  
15:47:03 Rep. Bedey  
15:47:18 Chair Salomon  
15:47:23 Rep. Bedey  
15:47:40 Chair Salomon  
15:47:55 Mr. Livers, Shodair  
15:48:54 Chair Salomon

15:49:33 Mr. Melton, MT-PEC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:51:00 Rep. Bedey

15:51:54 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:52 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds58aad.pdf](#))