

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 26, 2021 at 9:00 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. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Present on Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Excused: None

Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 336, 3/24/2021; SB 630, 3/24/2021

09:00:25 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 336

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:38 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB336, Generally revise driver license laws.

09:02:47 Sen. Keenan joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:03:14 Tamrah Chatriand, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:03:43 Sen. Ellis

09:04:24 Ms. Chatriand, DOJ

09:04:53 Sen. Ellis

09:05:18 Sen. Cuffe

09:05:38 Sen. Friedel

09:07:09 Sen. Cuffe

09:07:34 Sen. Friedel

09:08:02 Sen. Cuffe

09:08:13 Ms. Chatriand

09:08:22 Sen. Cuffe

09:08:46 Chair Osmundson

09:08:51 Sen. Friedel

09:09:00 Sen. Jacobson joined the meeting by Zoom Video Conference.

Closing by Sponsor:

09:09:27 Sen. Friedel

HEARING ON HB 630

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:09:53 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB630, Appropriate CARES II funds, supplemental, and temporarily revise ed funding.

Proponents' Testimony::

09:14:00 Amy Sassano, deputy budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

09:18:19 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA), and speaking on behalf of Montana Association of School Business Officials, Montana Federation of Public Employees, Montana Rural Education Association, Montana Quality Education Coalition, School Administrators of Montana

09:21:09 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Montana Public Education Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:22:08 Cheryl Cohen, Department of Commerce (DOC)
09:22:25 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
09:22:55 Kenneth Bailey, OPI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:23:29 Sen. Salomon
09:24:04 Mr. Melton, MSBA
09:25:35 Sen. Salomon
09:25:38 Mr. Melton
09:26:34 Chair Osmundson
09:26:53 Ms. Cohen, DOC
09:33:37 Chair Osmundson
09:33:48 Ms. Cohen
09:34:24 Sen. Keenan
09:34:38 Ms. Cohen
09:35:40 Sen. Keenan
09:35:57 Ms. Cohen
09:37:02 Sen. Cuffe
09:37:39 Ms. Cohen
09:38:17 Sen. Cuffe
09:38:27 Sen. McNally
09:38:55 Ms. Cohen
09:41:26 Sen. McNally
09:41:35 Ms. Cohen
09:42:30 Sen. Keenan

Closing by Sponsor:

09:42:52 Rep. Bedey

09:44:44 Chair Osmundson
09:45:39 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
09:45:47 Sen. Flowers
09:46:04 Chair Osmundson
09:46:41 Sen. Ellis
09:46:56 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
09:47:02 Sen. Ellis
09:47:16 Ms. Wilkinson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:47 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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