

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Vice Chair Russel Tempel, on March 31, 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. 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. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)

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 181, 3/26/2021

15:00:22 Sen. Salomon left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 181

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:39 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB181, Reauthorizing the e-rate broadband program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:45 Dennise Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA); Montana Public Education Center (MT- PEC)

15:09:12 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:10:23 Paul Taylor, OPI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:25 Sen. Manzella

15:11:12 Mr. Taylor, OPI

15:11:40 Chair Tempel left the meeting.

15:11:41 Sen. Regier assumed the role of the Chair.

15:12:51 Sen. Manzella

15:18:24 Mr. Parman, MT- PEC

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:44 Rep. Zolnikov

15:20:34 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:21 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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