

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on April 12, 2021 at 3:00 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. 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. Greg Hertz (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 663, 4/7/2021; SR 98, 4/8/2021

Executive Action:

SR 98 - Be Adopted
HB 663 - Be Concurred In

15:00:51 Sen. Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SR 98

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:54 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR98, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Montana Arts Council.

EXHIBIT(eds69a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:35 Lieutenant Governor Kristin Juras
15:05:27 Linda Netschert, Governor's appointee
15:08:11 Sarah Calhoun, Governor's appointee
15:09:45 Wylie Gustafson, Governor's appointee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:12:06 Tatiana Gant, Montana Arts Council

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:35 Sen. Sweeney
15:13:10 Ms. Juras

Closing by Sponsor:

15:13:34 Sen. Salomon

15:14:44 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 663

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:15:06 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB663, Generally revising school funding to increase GTB and lower property taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:46 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:20:16 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:20:42 Sen. Regier
15:20:58 Rep. Ler

15:21:01 Sen. Bogner left the meeting.

15:21:35 Sen. Regier

15:22:06 Rep. Ler
 15:22:23 Sen. Regier
 15:22:50 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 15:23:31 Rep. Ler
 15:23:48 Sen. Regier
 15:24:22 Mr. McCracken, LSD
 15:24:44 Chair Salomon
 15:27:09 Mr. McCracken
 15:27:18 Mr. Taylor, OPI
 15:27:44 Chair Salomon
 15:28:32 Mr. Taylor
 15:28:42 Sen. Tempel
 15:28:59 Mr. Taylor
 15:29:14 Mr. McCracken
 15:30:18 Sen. Tempel
 15:30:42 Mr. McCracken
 15:30:58 Chair Salomon
 15:31:34 Sen. Tempel
 15:31:42 Rep. Ler
 15:33:00 Chair Salomon
 15:33:21 Rep. Ler

Closing by Sponsor:

15:34:33 Rep. Ler
 15:35:11 Chair Salomon
 15:36:00 Brief Recess
 15:52:40 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 98

15:52:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 98 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bogner and Sen. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 663

15:53:25 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **HB 663 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

15:53:38 Sen. McClafferty
 15:54:33 Sen. O'Brien
 15:56:14 Sen. Regier
 15:56:48 Chair Salomon
 15:58:01 Sen. McClafferty
 15:58:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bogner and Sen. Hertz voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.
 15:58:47 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds69aad.pdf](#))