

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on April 14, 2021 at 3:42 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Meeting Room:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
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. 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 644, 4/9/2021

Executive Action: HB 644 - Be Concurred In

15:42:14 Sen. Hertz left the meeting.

15:42:29 Sen. O'Brien entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 644

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:42:49 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB644, Establish tribal computer programming boost scholarship program.

EXHIBIT(eds71a01)

15:44:24 Sen. Webber entered the meeting.

15:44:35 Sen. Regier entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:45:40 Misty Kuhl, Governor's office (GOV)

15:47:36 Glenn Oppel, GOV

15:50:04 John Paxton, Montana State University (MSU)

15:53:47 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

EXHIBIT(eds71a02)

15:55:24 Samuel Enemy Hunter, Montana Native Vote

15:58:47 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

16:00:56 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:01:56 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:20 Sen. McClafferty

16:02:41 Mr. Taylor, OPI

16:03:26 Sen. McClafferty

16:03:48 Rep. Windy Boy

16:04:23 Sen. Tempel

16:04:43 Rep. Windy Boy

16:05:16 Mr. Paxton, MSU

16:07:01 Sen. Tempel

16:07:18 Mr. Paxton

16:07:47 Sen. Regier

16:10:07 Mr. Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

16:10:46 Sen. Manzella

16:11:05 Mr. Paxton

16:12:52 Sen. O'Brien

16:13:36 Rep. Windy Boy

16:13:53 Sen. O'Brien

16:14:29 Mr. Oppel, GOV

16:15:00 Chair Salomon

16:15:15 Mr. Oppel
16:15:20 Sen. O'Brien
16:16:26 Rep. Windy Boy
16:18:05 Sen. Webber
16:21:24 Rep. Windy Boy
16:22:35 Sen. Sweeney
16:23:31 Ms. Kuhl, GOV
16:24:04 Sen. Manzella
16:24:48 Rep. Windy Boy
16:25:23 Sen. McClafferty
16:26:21 Mr. Oppel

Closing by Sponsor:

16:26:34 Rep. Windy Boy

16:32:12 Chair Salomon

16:32:25 Brief Recess
16:45:36 Reconvened

16:45:44 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 644

16:45:49 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **HB 644 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:46:15 Sen. McClafferty
16:46:36 Sen. Webber

16:49:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. K. Regier and Sen. Tempel voting no. Sen. Bogner and Sen. Hertz voted by proxy. Sen. O'Brien will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds71aad.pdf](#))