

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on January 11, 2023 at 1:48 PM, in 422 - Meeting 15 min. after Senate floor adjourns

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Daniel Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Staff Present: Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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:

SB 132 01/06/2023

Executive Action:

SB 1 DO PASS
SB 10 DO PASS
SB 69 DO PASS
SB 70 DO PASS

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1 - Align payment schedule of school block grants

13:56:00 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 1 DO PASS.**

13:56:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

13:56:23 Sen. Keith Regier

13:56:33 Sen. Daniel Salomon

13:56:51 Sen. Keith Regier

13:56:56 Sen. Daniel Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 10 - Clarify school finance laws related to general fund levies

13:57:33 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 10 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

13:57:58 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

13:57:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69 - Clarify school transportation laws related to passenger vehicles

13:58:46 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 69 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

13:58:59 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

13:58:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 132 - Revise agricultural education laws

Opening Statement:

13:50:08 Becky Beard opened the hearing on SB 132, Revise agricultural education laws.

Proponent Testimony:

14:04:25 Kellan Standley, Vice President Montana Association of Agricultural Educators (MAAE)

14:05:52 Sen. Daniel Emrich joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:10:00 Nancy Hall, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

14:10:28 Ken Bailey, Former CFO of Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

14:10:50 Eric Tilleman, Agriculture Education Specialist for OPI

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Questions from Committee:

14:11:19 Sen. Keith Regier
14:12:01 Eric Tilleman, OPI
14:13:12 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
14:13:25 Eric Tilleman, OPI
14:14:00 Sen. Daniel Salomon
14:14:15 Eric Tilleman, OPI
14:14:52 Sen. Daniel Salomon
14:15:28 Nancy Hall, OBPP
14:16:25 Sen. Keith Regier
14:17:04 Nancy Hall, OBPP
14:17:38 Sen. Daniel Salomon

Closing Statement:

14:17:44 Becky Beard closed the hearing on SB 132.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70 - Revise the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program

14:20:35 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 70 DO PASS.**

14:20:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

14:21:00 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
14:23:17 Sen. John Fuller
14:25:42 Pad McCracken
14:28:13 Sen. Daniel Salomon
14:28:37 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
14:28:57 Sen. Emrich
14:31:19 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel
14:31:45 Sen. Greg Hertz
14:32:53 Sen. Keith Regier
14:33:35 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:34:56

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230111EDSaad\)](#)