

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on January 16, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 422

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

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 8 01/11/2023

Executive Action:

SB 132 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 8 - Revise transformational learning program laws

Opening Statement:

15:01:28 Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 8, Revise transformational learning program laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:03:56 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor Gianforte's Education Advisor

15:05:25 Rob Watson, Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

15:07:16 David Smith, Executive Director of the Montana's Contractor's Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:09:21 Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent for the Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:09:40 McCall Flynn, Executive Director of the Board of Public Education (BPE)

Questions from Committee:

15:10:12 Sen. John Fuller

15:10:54 Sen. Susan Webber

15:11:32 Sharyl Allen, OPI

15:11:51 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:12:12 McCall Flynn, BPE

15:13:15 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:13:33 McCall Flynn, BPE

15:14:12 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:14:32 McCall Flynn, BPE

15:15:06 Sen. John Fuller

15:15:22 McCall Flynn, BPE

15:16:08 Sen. John Fuller

Closing Statement:

15:16:32 Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, closed the hearing on SB 8.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 132 - Revise agricultural education laws

15:20:00 **Motion:** Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty moved that **SB 132 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:20:05 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel left the meeting.

15:20:19 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:20:38 Sen. John Fuller

15:21:14 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

15:21:36 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:20:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:23:04

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230116EDSaad\)](#)