

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on January 18, 2023 at 3:02 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. Keith Regier (R)

**Members Excused:** 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:

HB 61 01/12/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 61 - Remove insurance continuing education council**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:29 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 61, Remove insurance continuing education council.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:05:15 Frank Cote, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

15:07:14 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

15:07:43 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAMT)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:08:32 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

15:08:46 Frank Cote, CSI

15:09:26 Sen. John Fuller

15:09:41 Frank Cote, CSI

15:10:09 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:12:15 Frank Cote, CSI

15:14:02 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:14:18 Frank Cote, CSI

15:14:50 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:15:20 Frank Cote, CSI

15:15:39 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:16:18 Frank Cote, CSI

**Closing Statement:**

15:16:28 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 61.

**Discussion on proficiency based learning**

15:17:01 Pad McCracken

15:17:53 Sen. Greg Hertz left the meeting.

15:32:05 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:32:35 Sen. Keith Regier

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15:33:01 Pad McCracken

15:34:07 Sen. John Fuller

15:35:28 Sen. Daniel Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:36:15

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Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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