

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on January 20, 2023 at 2:29 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. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (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 129 01/12/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 129 - Revise laws related to compulsory attendance

Opening Statement:

14:30:15 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 129, Revise laws related to compulsory attendance.

Proponent Testimony:

14:32:27 Kelsey Brown, self

14:36:08 Dennis Parman, Coalition of Associations of Montana Public Schools

Opponent Testimony:

14:38:13 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:41:49 Becky Belling, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

14:42:32 Steve White, Montana Coalition of Home Educators (MCHE)

Questions from Committee:

14:43:05 Sen. Susan Webber

14:43:36 Becky Belling, OPI

14:43:45 Sen. Susan Webber

14:44:00 Kelsey Brown, self

14:44:20 Sen. Susan Webber

14:44:27 Kelsey Brown, self

14:45:19 Sen. John Fuller

14:45:36 Steve White, MCHE

14:47:09 Sen. John Fuller

14:47:39 Steve White, MCHE

14:48:32 Sen. Daniel Salomon left the meeting.

14:49:27 Sen. Daniel Emrich

14:49:55 Becky Belling, OPI

14:50:00 Sen. Daniel Emrich

14:50:54 Kelsey Brown, self

14:52:18 Sen. Keith Regier

14:52:43 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel-R

14:52:57 Kelsey Brown, self

14:53:30 Sen. Keith Regier

14:53:45 Kelsey Brown, self

14:54:24 Sen. John Fuller

14:55:49 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel-R

Closing Statement:

14:56:01 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, closed the hearing on SB 129.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:57:02

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230120EDSaad\)](#)