

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on January 30, 2023 at 3:01 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. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (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:

HB 15 01/26/2023

Executive Action:

HB 21 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
SJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 15 - Implement K-12 Inflation

Opening Statement:

15:02:45 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 15, Implement K-12 Inflation.

Proponent Testimony:

15:03:56 Elsie Arntzen, Montana State Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:05:29 Emily Dean, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools

15:07:52 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:09:31 Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

15:09:50 Sen. Keith Regier

15:10:16 Paul Taylor, OPI

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15:10:52 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:11:18 Sen. Keith Regier

15:11:39 Elsie Arntzen, OPI

15:12:41 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:13:24 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:15:40 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:16:24 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:18:19 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:19:15 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:20:15 Sen. Daniel Salomon
15:20:43 Paul Taylor, OPI
15:22:33 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
15:23:05 Rep. David Bedey

Closing Statement:

15:25:04 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 15.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 21 - Revising process for adoption of school accreditation standards

15:29:08 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HB 21 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:29:28 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HB 21 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:29:47 Pad McCracken
15:32:14 Sen. Keith Regier
15:32:33 Pad McCracken
15:33:11 Sen. Daniel Salomon
15:33:18 Pad McCracken
15:33:23 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:29:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:34:38 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **HB 21 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:34:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:34:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:35:05 Sen. Keith Regier left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6 - Joint resolution to recognize the Indian boarding school experience

15:35:12 **Motion:** Sen. Susan Webber moved that **SJ 6 DO PASS.**

15:35:50 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SJ 6 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:35:50 Pad McCracken

15:36:35 Sen. Susan Webber

15:35:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:38:00 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:38:12 Sen. Susan Webber

15:39:59 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel

15:40:13 Sen. Susan Webber

15:41:31 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel

15:41:49 Sen. John Fuller

15:42:26 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:43:35 Sen. Susan Webber

15:38:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:45:23

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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