

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on February 15, 2023 at 3:03 PM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Daniel Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (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. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
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 171 02/08/2023

SB 289 02/13/2023

Executive Action:

SB 213 DO PASS AS AMENDED

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 213 - Revise laws related to school safety teams

15:04:47 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 213 DO PASS.**

15:05:01 **Motion:** Sen. Shannon O'Brien moved that **SB 213 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:05:17 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:05:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:08:00 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **SB 213 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:08:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:08:51 Recessed

15:21:44 Sen. Fuller has arrived

15:26:19 Reconvened

15:26:24 Sen. O'Brien has left

HEARING ON HB 171 - Revise education laws related to residential treatment facilities

Opening Statement:

15:26:41 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 171, Revise education laws related to residential treatment facilities.

Proponent Testimony:

15:30:37 Tom Livers, Shodair Children's Hospital

15:31:55 Christa Gabriel, Disability Rights Montana

15:34:46 Mike Chavers, CEO, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

15:36:05 Phillip Quinn, Intermountain

15:37:07 Matt Bugni, CEO, AWARE Incorporated

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:40:06 Jay Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:40:20 Katie Harlow, Clinical Supervisor, Children's Mental Health Bureau (CMHB)

Questions from Committee:

15:40:56 Sen. John Fuller

15:41:35 Jay Phillips, OPI

15:41:58 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:42:43 Sen. Greg Hertz left the meeting.

15:43:56 Katie Harlow, CMHB

15:44:22 Sen. Keith Regier

15:47:04 Tom Livers, Shodair

15:50:27 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:51:20 Rep. David Bedey

15:51:45 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:54:12 Rep. David Bedey

Closing Statement:

15:54:57 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 171.

15:56:08 Recessed

15:58:07 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 289 - Allow tuition waivers for qualified survivors of firefighters and peace officers

Opening Statement:

15:58:13 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 289, Allow tuition waivers for qualified survivors of firefighters and peace officers.

Proponent Testimony:

16:00:05 Andy Ekblad, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters
(MTPROFF)

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16:04:58 Rich Cowger, Montana Fire Alliance

16:05:50 Dan Smith, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association
(MPPA)

16:06:47 Sam Telling, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:08:01 Sen. Keith Regier

16:09:20 Sen. Chris Friedel

16:10:16 Andy Ekblad, MTPROFF

16:10:45 Sen. Keith Regier

16:11:58 Andy Ekblad, MTPROFF

16:12:07 Sen. Andrea Olsen

16:12:43 Andy Ekblad, MTPROFF

Closing Statement:

16:13:08 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 289.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:15:48

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230215EDSaad\)](#)