

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on February 20, 2023 at 3:03 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. Keith Regier (R)

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

SB 315 02/13/2023

SB 373 02/16/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 373 - Provide for alternative teacher credentialing**

**Opening Statement:**

15:04:49 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 373, Provide for alternative teacher credentialing.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:07:52 Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

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15:12:53 Melanie Olmstead, Executive Director, American Board for the Certification of Teachers of Excellence (ABCTE)

15:15:46 Tom Stack, Big Fork Public Schools

15:18:30 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:20:26 Jon Sonju, Opportunity Solutions Project (OSP)

15:21:51 Dennis Parman, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:28:05 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

15:32:41 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:37:37 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

15:38:38 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:38:54 Sen. Keith Regier

15:40:04 Sarah Piper, MFPE

15:40:20 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:43:27 Melanie Olmstead, ABCTE

15:44:12 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel

15:44:27 Sen. Daniel Salomon

**Closing Statement:**

15:45:01 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 373.

15:46:38 Recessed

15:49:45 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 315 - Provide for comprehensive sex, gender, and sexuality education  
in public schools**

**Opening Statement:**

15:49:59 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, opened the hearing on SB 315,  
Provide for comprehensive sex, gender, and sexuality education in public  
schools.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:56:24 Mars Jaeger, self

15:57:33 Evyn Kolczak-Hardy, self

16:00:08 Elizabeth Mills-Low, self

16:01:40 Max Berndt, self

16:02:43 Chloe Hackenbruck, self

16:03:41 Linda Gryczan, self

16:05:53 Will Whittle-Frazier, self

16:08:02 Clint Whittle-Frazier, self

16:09:58 Stephen Underwood, self

16:11:30 Tierney Hula, self

16:13:59 Samantha Martin, Healing Mountain Mental Health

16:15:17 Lennon Keppen, self

16:17:43 Cami Armijo-Grover, Education Director, Bridgercare

16:21:21 Em Williamson, Peer Educator, Bridgercare

16:23:36 Anna Couch, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Bridgercare

16:25:19 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV), American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU-MT), Women's Foundation of Montana (WFM)

16:27:52 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

16:28:48 Nicole Smith, Executive Director, Blue Mountain Clinic

16:30:14 Martha Fuller, CEO, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:32:16 Darin Gaub, Restore Liberty

16:34:21 Pamela Raney, self

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16:38:54 Kyndall Hinkle, self

16:43:00 Heidi Friedlander, self

16:46:09 Sharon Nason, self

16:50:18 Cathy Carlson, self

16:53:37 Donna Elford, self

16:56:35 Jacob Handy, self

16:58:55 Ella Handy, self

16:59:34 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

17:03:27 Jeremy Mygland, self

17:04:17 Doug Reisig, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools

17:06:48 Ruth Rater, self

17:08:37 Phyllis Lamping, self

17:09:10 Robyn Mohs, self

17:10:58 Anna Shchemelinin, self  
17:14:17 Chelsea Culpon, self  
17:15:37 Jessie Browning, Moms for Liberty-Yellowstone County  
17:19:41 Cheryl Tusken, self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

17:22:41 Reg Hageman, self  
17:23:47 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction, OPI

**Questions from Committee:**

17:24:05 Sen. John Fuller  
17:26:04 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
17:26:50 Sen. Daniel Emrich  
17:28:36 Sen. Keith Regier left the meeting.  
17:31:27 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
17:32:08 Sen. Shannon O'Brien  
17:32:33 Reg Hageman, self  
17:33:22 Sen. Daniel Salomon  
17:34:47 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
17:35:15 Sen. John Fuller left the meeting.  
17:35:23 Sen. Daniel Salomon

**Closing Statement:**

17:36:22 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, closed the hearing on SB 315.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:41:53

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Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230220EDSaad\)](#)