

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on February 22, 2023 at 2:49 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. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. John Fuller (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 306 02/13/2023

Executive Action:

SB 289 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 315 TO TABLE
SB 373 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 350 TO TABLE

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

14:50:17 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 289 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:50:23 Sen. Daniel Salomon

14:50:34 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 289 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:50:54 Pad McCracken

14:50:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:51:54 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 289 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:52:04 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

14:51:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

14:53:03 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 315 DO PASS.**

14:53:12 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Keith Regier moved that **SB 315 TO TABLE.**

14:53:12 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 7 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, voting no. Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 373 - Provide for alternative teacher credentialing

14:54:48 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 373 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:55:08 Sen. Daniel Salomon

14:55:50 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 373 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:56:08 Pad McCracken

14:57:43 Sen. Daniel Emrich
14:59:07 Sen. Daniel Salomon
14:59:15 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
14:59:27 Sen. Daniel Salomon
15:02:55 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
15:03:24 Sen. Daniel Salomon
15:03:32 Sen. Keith Regier
15:03:58 Pad McCracken
14:55:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
15:05:24 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 373 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:05:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 350 - Generally revise privacy laws related to student data

15:06:40 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 350 TO TABLE.**
15:06:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 306 - Revise education laws related to extracurricular activities

Opening Statement:

15:08:59 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 306, Revise education laws related to extracurricular activities.
15:10:11 Sen. Hertz has arrived

Proponent Testimony:

15:11:59 Jason Bolt, Academic Dean, Billings Christian School (BCS)
15:14:25 Dustin Ortman, Coach, Heritage Christian School
15:17:01 Andy Harrel, Athletic Director, Stillwater Christian School
15:18:57 Isaac Shawback, student, Stillwater Christian School

15:20:17 Belle Schwartz, student, Stillwater Christian School
15:21:58 Emma Anderson, student, Stillwater Christian School
15:23:11 Brian Becker, Athletic Director, Valley Christian School
15:28:54 Ted Clark, Superintendent, Helena Christian School
15:30:55 Craig Carse, Billings Christian School
15:34:45 Joe Wojton, Athletic Director, Salvation Army
15:37:28 Major Iva West, Commanding Officer, Salvation Army
15:40:27 Joban Reno, self
15:41:28 Bailey Wanberg, student, Billings Christian School
15:42:26 Sierra Burton, student, Billings Christian School

Opponent Testimony:

15:43:32 Doug Reisig, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools
(Coalition)
15:47:40 Brian Michelotti, Executive Director, Montana High School Association
(MHSA)
15:48:19 Sen. Greg Hertz left the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:53:25 Sen. Keith Regier
15:54:46 Brian Michelotti, MHSA
15:55:22 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
15:55:56 Doug Reisig, Coalition
15:56:38 Sen. Daniel Salomon
15:59:16 Doug Reisig, Coalition
16:00:21 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:02:27 Brian Michelotti, MHSA
16:03:11 Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:06:48 Brian Michelotti, MHSA
16:08:01 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
16:08:48 Brian Michelotti, MHSA
16:10:08 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

Closing Statement:

16:10:30 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, closed the hearing on SB 306.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:15:55

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230222EDSaad\)](#)