

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

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Salomon-R, on March 13, 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. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (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:

SR 31 02/24/2023
SR 47 02/15/2023
HB 117 03/09/2023
HB 240 03/09/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SR 31 - Confirm governor's appointees for historical society board of trustees

Opening Statement:

15:02:18 Chair Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR 31, Confirm governor's appointees for historical society board of trustees.

Proponent Testimony:

15:03:21 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

15:05:22 Molly Kruckenberg, Director, Montana Historical Society (MTHS)

[EXHIBIT\(230313EDSa1\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:10:54 Sen. Keith Regier

15:11:22 Molly Kruckenberg, MTHS

Closing Statement:

15:11:54 Chair Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SR 31.

HEARING ON SR 47 - Confirm governor's appointees for the Montana arts council

Opening Statement:

15:12:30 Chair Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR 47, Confirm governor's appointees for the Montana arts council.

Proponent Testimony:

15:13:04 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

15:14:34 Julie Mac, appointee

15:15:50 Greg Murphy, appointee

15:20:02 Bridger Pierce, appointee

15:20:49 John Moore, appointee

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:23:18 Kristin Burgoyne, Deputy Director, Montana Arts Council (MAC)

Questions from Committee:

15:23:41 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

15:24:08 Julie Mac, appointee

15:26:05 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:26:25 Julie Mac, appointee

15:26:41 Sen. Keith Regier

15:26:52 Kristin Burgoyne, MAC

Closing Statement:

15:27:18 Chair Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SR 47.

15:28:05 **Recessed**

15:29:10 Chair Salomon has left

15:30:48 **Reconvened**

15:40:48 Chair Salomon has arrived

HEARING ON HB 117 - Generally revise working retiree laws under TRS

Opening Statement:

15:30:57 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 117, Generally revise working retiree laws under TRS.

Proponent Testimony:

15:32:50 Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(230313EDSa2\)](#)

15:41:16 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:43:11 Larry Crowder, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(230313EDSa3\)](#)

15:45:50 Elliott Crump, President, Montana Association of School Superintendents in North Central Montana (NCMASS)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:48:56 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

15:49:27 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:51:44 Shawn Graham, TRS

15:52:42 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

15:53:03 Shawn Graham, TRS

15:53:29 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

15:53:38 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:54:59 Sen. Greg Hertz

15:56:17 Shawn Graham, TRS

15:57:10 Sen. Greg Hertz left the meeting.

15:57:11 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:57:39 Elliott Crump, NCMASS

15:58:07 Sen. Keith Regier

16:02:27 Shawn Graham, TRS

16:03:33 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty
16:03:51 Shawn Graham, TRS
16:07:35 Chair Daniel Salomon
16:08:11 Elliott Crump, NCMASS
16:09:08 Chair Daniel Salomon
16:09:20 Larry Crowder, MREA
16:11:03 Sen. Andrea Olsen
16:11:38 Sarah Piper, MFPE
16:12:55 Sen. Keith Regier left the meeting.
16:14:30 Vice Chair Russel (Russ) Tempel
16:14:52 Shawn Graham, TRS

Closing Statement:

16:17:20 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, closed the hearing on HB 117.

HEARING ON HB 240 - Revise outdated reference for family education savings program laws

Opening Statement:

16:19:27 Rep. Mark Thane (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 240, Revise outdated reference for family education savings program laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:21:30 Sen. John Fuller

16:21:41 Rep. Mark Thane

16:21:52 Sen. Andrea Olsen

16:22:14 Rep. Mark Thane

Closing Statement:

16:22:39 Rep. Mark Thane (D), HD 99, closed the hearing on HB 240.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:23:59

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230313EDSaad\)](#)