

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

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Salomon-R, on March 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Daniel Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
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 245 03/15/2023
HB 377 03/15/2023
HB 458 03/15/2023
HB 531 03/17/2023
HB 583 03/15/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 245 - Revise tax credit for trades education and training

Opening Statement:

15:01:13 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 245, Revise tax credit for trades education and training.

Proponent Testimony:

15:03:30 Dylan Klapmeier, Education and Workforce Advisor, Governor's Office

15:04:54 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:05:46 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:06:29 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

15:07:00 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty joined the meeting.

15:07:51 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association

15:08:34 William Cole, Safety Coordinator, Montana Trucking Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:09:45 Derek Bell, Division Administrator, Montana Department of Revenue (MT DOR)

15:10:01 Aaron McNay, Tax Policy and Research, Montana Department of Revenue (MT DOR)

Questions from Committee:

15:10:28 Sen. John Fuller

15:10:44 Rep. Sue Vinton

15:12:12 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:13:19 Rep. Sue Vinton

15:14:01 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:14:28 Rep. Sue Vinton

15:14:41 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office

15:15:09 Sen. Greg Hertz
15:15:33 Derek Bell, MT DOR
15:15:43 Sen. John Fuller
15:16:16 Derek Bell, MT DOR
15:16:32 Chair Daniel Salomon
15:16:49 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
15:17:46 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office
15:18:25 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
15:18:56 Derek Bell, MT DOR
15:19:10 Chair Daniel Salomon
15:19:36 Rep. Sue Vinton
15:20:28 Sen. Greg Hertz

Closing Statement:

15:21:00 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, closed the hearing on HB 245.

HEARING ON HB 377 - Create a 250th commission for Montana

Opening Statement:

15:23:04 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 377, Create a 250th commission for Montana.

Proponent Testimony:

15:26:58 Dylan Klapmeier, Education and Workforce Advisor, Governor's Office
15:29:28 Raymond Read, Department Historian, American Legion
15:31:38 Jane Hamman, self
15:35:19 Mike Talia, American Legion
15:35:44 Bill White, Liaison to Governor, American Legion

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:36:31 Molly Kruckenberg, Director, Montana Historical Society (MTHS)

Questions from Committee:

15:36:57 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:39:20 Rep. Linda Reksten

Closing Statement:

15:39:54 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, closed the hearing on HB 377.

HEARING ON HB 531 - Establish annual combined meeting of the board of education

Opening Statement:

15:42:16 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 531, Establish annual combined meeting of the board of education.

Proponent Testimony:

15:44:10 Dylan Klapmeier, Education and Workforce Advisor, Governor's Office

15:45:19 Helen Thigpen, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana Board of Regents, Montana University System

15:45:42 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:46:26 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:46:56 Sen. John Fuller

15:47:10 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office

15:47:15 Sen. John Fuller

Closing Statement:

15:47:48 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 531.

HEARING ON HB 458 - Generally revise regulations governing the eligibility of career coaches

Opening Statement:

15:49:12 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 458, Generally revise regulations governing the eligibility of career coaches.

Proponent Testimony:

15:52:00 Doug Reisig, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools (CAMP)

15:53:58 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

15:56:01 Gene Dudley, Consultant, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:57:34 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

Questions from Committee:

15:58:00 Sen. John Fuller

15:58:20 Rep. Fred Anderson

15:58:52 Sen. Daniel Emrich

16:00:15 David Smith, MCA

16:00:55 Sen. Andrea Olsen

16:01:41 Rep. Fred Anderson

16:01:59 Sen. Andrea Olsen

16:02:28 McCall Flynn, BPE

Closing Statement:

16:03:56 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, closed the hearing on HB 458.

HEARING ON HB 583 - Revise occupations and education laws for military license reciprocity

Opening Statement:

16:05:58 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 583, Revise occupations and education laws for military license reciprocity.

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Proponent Testimony:

16:08:53 Doug Reisig, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools (CAMP)

16:10:31 Bill White, American Legion

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:11:14 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

16:11:34 Dr. Julie Murgel, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

16:11:57 Dave Cook, Deputy Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

16:12:36 Sen. John Fuller

16:13:00 Doug Reisig, CAMP

Closing Statement:

16:13:13 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 583.

16:14:05 **Recessed**

16:19:07 **Reconvened**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:19:58

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230320EDSaad\)](#)