

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

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Salomon-R, on March 31, 2023 at 3:39 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. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (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 287 03/22/2023

HB 338 03/22/2023

HB 566 03/24/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 287 - Revise laws related to Indian language preservation

Opening Statement:

15:42:07 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 287, Revise laws related to Indian language preservation.

Proponent Testimony:

15:45:23 Rob Watson, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)

15:47:06 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

15:48:48 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU MT)

15:51:39 Alyssa Kelly, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU MT)

15:53:39 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

15:54:14 Thomas Lozeau Jr., self

15:56:10 Carrie Spotted Bear, Tribal Policy Coordinator, Zero to Five Montana

[EXHIBIT\(230331EDSa1\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:58:45 Sen. Keith Regier

16:03:18 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

16:04:15 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

16:04:44 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

16:06:41 Sen. Daniel Emrich

16:12:41 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

16:13:22 Chair Daniel Salomon

16:16:09 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

Closing Statement:

16:16:40 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 287.

HEARING ON HB 338 - Revise laws related to Indian Education for All

Opening Statement:

16:18:29 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 338, Revise laws related to Indian Education for All.

Proponent Testimony:

16:23:27 Lance Four Star, Director, Montana American Indian Caucus (MAIC)

16:25:04 Patrick Yawakie, Black Feet Tribe

16:27:41 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ALCU MT)

16:30:12 Doug Reisig, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)

[EXHIBIT\(230331EDSa2\)](#)

16:32:55 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

16:33:30 Alyssa Kelly, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU MT)

16:35:28 Thomas Lozeau Jr., self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:36:31 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

16:37:00 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

Questions from Committee:

16:37:23 Sen. Keith Regier

16:38:10 Ken Bailey, OPI

16:38:42 McCall Flynn, BPE

16:39:21	Sen. Keith Regier
16:42:56	McCall Flynn, BPE
16:43:20	Sen. Keith Regier
16:43:44	Sen. Shannon O'Brien
16:44:25	Ken Bailey, OPI
16:44:30	Sen. Shannon O'Brien
16:44:43	Doug Reisig, CAMPS
16:45:59	Sen. Shannon O'Brien
16:48:26	Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
16:50:46	Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty
16:51:09	McCall Flynn, BPE
16:52:01	Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:54:48	McCall Flynn, BPE
16:55:23	Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:56:18	Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
16:57:24	Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:57:55	Keegan Medrano, ACLU MT
16:58:34	Sen. Daniel Emrich
17:00:09	Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
17:01:01	Sen. Daniel Emrich
17:02:12	Ken Bailey, OPI
17:02:41	Vice Chair Russel (Russ) Tempel
17:04:09	Ken Bailey, OPI
17:04:41	Sen. Daniel Emrich

17:05:38 Pad McCracken
17:06:44 Chair Daniel Salomon
17:06:57 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

Closing Statement:

17:08:24 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 338.

HEARING ON HB 566 - Revise notice requirements for human sexuality instruction

Opening Statement:

17:10:35 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 566, Revise notice requirements for human sexuality instruction.

Proponent Testimony:

17:14:07 Rob Watson, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)
17:15:52 Sen. Keith Regier left the meeting.
17:20:31 Daniel Farr, North South East Rural Schools (NSERS)
17:25:46 Jenny Murane Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized for Education (MOFE)

Opponent Testimony:

17:28:37 Cheryl Tusken, self
17:31:44 Jessie Browning, Moms for Liberty-Yellowstone County
17:33:49 Alba Pimentel, Chapter Chair, Moms for Liberty-Yellowstone County
17:36:04 Amanda Worts, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:38:15 Sen. Daniel Emrich
17:43:15 Rep. Fred Anderson

17:44:00 Sen. Daniel Emrich
17:46:40 Jenny Murnane Butcher, MOFE
17:47:00 Vice Chair Russel (Russ) Tempel
17:47:47 Rep. Fred Anderson
17:48:40 Vice Chair Russel (Russ) Tempel

Closing Statement:

17:48:58 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, closed the hearing on HB 566.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:50:46

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230331EDSaad\)](#)