

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

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Salomon-R, on April 03, 2023 at 8:34 AM, 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Staff Present: Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 287 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 338 BE AMENDED
HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 535 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 707 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 744 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 745 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 811 BE CONCURRED IN

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 287 - Revise laws related to Indian language preservation

08:35:22 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HB 287 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:35:29 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:35:42 Sen. John Fuller

08:35:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Hertz, Sen. Tempel, voting no.

08:35:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shannon O'Brien

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

08:37:57 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HB 338 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:38:04 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:39:08 **Motion:** Sen. Shannon O'Brien moved that **HB 338 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:39:26 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

08:41:39 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:41:48 Sen. John Fuller

08:42:31 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

08:43:08 Sen. John Fuller

08:43:28 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:43:48 Sen. John Fuller

08:43:54 Sen. Greg Hertz

08:44:15 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:44:39 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

08:44:45 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

08:44:51 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:44:57 Sen. Greg Hertz

08:45:01 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
08:45:08 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
08:45:18 Chair Daniel Salomon
08:39:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Emrich, Sen. Tempel, voting no.
Sen. Emrich, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408 - Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits

08:46:19 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:46:31 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:46:57 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:47:07 Pad McCracken

08:48:26 Sen. John Fuller

08:46:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, By Proxy

08:49:00 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:49:15 Sen. John Fuller

08:50:04 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

08:50:35 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:49:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Tempel, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, By Proxy

08:49:00 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. John Fuller

08:51:51 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that HB 502 BE CONCURRED IN

08:53:00 Sen. Fitzpatrick withdrew motion on HB 502

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 535 - Revising education laws to provide a definition of "financial literacy"

08:53:09 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 535 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:53:14 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:53:42 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 535 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:53:54 Pad McCracken

08:54:24 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:54:47 Sen. John Fuller

08:53:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:55:25 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 535 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

08:55:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:55:25 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner

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

08:56:12 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:56:22 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:56:52 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 583 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:57:06 Pad McCracken

08:56:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:57:54 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 583 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

08:57:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:57:54 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 707 - Allow certain elementary districts to create new high school district

08:58:22 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 707 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:58:30 Chair Daniel Salomon

08:58:48 Sen. John Fuller

08:59:30 Chair Daniel Salomon

09:00:15 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

08:58:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Fuller, voting no.

08:58:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Chris Friedel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 744 - Revise laws to protect religious expression for students and teachers

09:01:13 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 744 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:01:19 Chair Daniel Salomon

09:01:40 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

09:02:21 Sen. John Fuller

09:01:13 **Vote:** 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

09:01:13 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Keith Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 745 - Revise laws related to religious materials and prayer in schools

09:04:15 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 745 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:04:20 Chair Daniel Salomon

09:04:33 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

09:05:37 Pad McCracken

09:04:15 **Vote:** 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

09:04:15 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Keith Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 811 - Create online repository for information on school district boards of trustees

09:06:04 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 811 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:06:10 Chair Daniel Salomon

09:06:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:06:04 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:07:31

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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