

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

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Salomon-R, on April 07, 2023 at 2:42 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. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (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 234 03/31/2023

HB 346 03/31/2023

HB 394 03/31/2023

Executive Action:

14:53:44 Sen. Regier has left

HEARING ON HB 346 - Revise the tribal computer programming scholarship program

Opening Statement:

14:43:29 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 346, Revise the tribal computer programming scholarship program.

Proponent Testimony:

14:45:55 Glenn Oppel, Policy Director, Governor's Office

14:48:37 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU MT)

14:50:24 Lance Four Star, Director, Montana American Indian Caucus (MAIC)

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14:51:15 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

14:52:15 Sarah Piper, Director of Policy and Research, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

14:53:22 Rob Watson, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)

14:55:18 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, Montana Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:56:29 Barb Wagner, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (MTDLI)

Questions from Committee:

14:56:58 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty

14:57:21 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

14:57:48 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

14:58:04 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

14:58:28 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

14:58:45 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office
14:59:24 Sen. Daniel Emrich
14:59:38 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office
15:00:08 Chair Daniel Salomon

Closing Statement:

15:00:17 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 346.

HEARING ON HB 394 - Require examination of creation of state-tribal education accord schools

Opening Statement:

15:01:59 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 394, Require examination of creation of state-tribal education accord schools.

Proponent Testimony:

15:03:15 Lance Four Star, Director, Montana American Indian Caucus (MAIC)
[EXHIBIT\(230407EDSa2\)](#)
15:04:12 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
15:06:11 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
15:07:45 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters of Montana

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:09:33 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

Questions from Committee:

15:09:54 Sen. John Fuller
15:10:22 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
15:10:40 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:12:40 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

15:12:44 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:13:14 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

15:17:56 Chair Daniel Salomon

15:18:10 McCall Flynn, BPE

15:18:38 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:19:03 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

Closing Statement:

15:20:02 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 394.

HEARING ON HB 234 - Revise dissemination of obscene material to minors laws

Opening Statement:

15:24:00 Rep. Bob Phalen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 234, Revise dissemination of obscene material to minors laws.

[EXHIBIT\(230407EDSa3\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:28:30 Matt Regier, Representative, HD 4

15:29:00 Lee Deming, Representative, HD 55

15:30:51 Terri Barney, self

15:31:33 Cathy Carlson, self

15:32:42 Sen. Keith Regier joined the meeting.

15:33:30 Jill Guthrie, self

15:35:38 Donna Elford, self

[EXHIBIT\(230407EDSa4\)](#)

15:36:54 Kyle Stone, self

15:38:40 Robyn Mohs, self

15:39:50 Cindy Roscoe, self

[EXHIBIT\(230407EDSa5\)](#)

15:40:30 Rhonda Burnett, self

15:41:27 Gina Reilly, self

15:42:08 Heather Higgs, self

15:44:04 Elizabeth Hale, self

15:44:25 Loy Chvilicek, self

15:44:51 Phyllis Lamping, self

15:45:49 Alba Pimentel, Chapter Chair, Moms for Liberty-Yellowstone County

15:47:29 Cheryl Tusken, self

15:49:16 Johanna Kennedy, self

15:50:55 Jessie Browning, Moms for Liberty-Yellowstone County

15:52:43 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

15:54:48 Arthur Schaper, Field Director, MassResistance

15:56:58 Jenna McKinney, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:57:32 Anna Shchemelinin, self

16:00:06 Amanda Worts, self

Opponent Testimony:

16:02:08 Ed Stafman, Representative, HD 62

16:04:56 Questions from Committee:

16:05:05 Sen. Andrea Olsen

16:10:28 Rep. Ed Stafman

16:11:25 Sen. Keith Regier

16:12:59 Rep. Ed Stafman

16:13:36 Sen. John Fuller

16:16:30 Rep. Ed Stafman

16:16:39 Sen. Daniel Emrich

16:19:18 Rep. Ed Stafman

16:20:04 Sen. Andrea Olsen

16:20:38 Rep. Ed Stafman

16:20:50 Further Opponents:

16:20:54 Sarah Piper, Director of Public Policy and Research, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

16:22:58 Janet Hess-Herbert, self

16:26:08 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

16:27:59 Owen Dinkins, self

16:28:38 Matt Beckstrom, Systems Librarian, Lewis and Clark Library

16:29:42 Dr. Kathryn Lowe, Montana Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (MT AAP)

16:31:46 Catherine Watson, self

16:31:52 Olivia Heim, self

16:33:03 Robert Funk, self

16:35:04 Sam Forstag, Montana Library Association (MLA)

16:36:55 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberty Union of Montana (ACLU MT)

16:38:43 Jenny Murnane Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized for Education (MOFE)

16:40:09 Gennifre Hartman, self

16:41:58 Matthew Watson, self

16:43:27 Rocko Valentine, self

16:45:03 Anna Kratz, self
16:47:00 Kellen Alger, self
16:49:07 Fran Penner-Ray, self
16:50:48 Leonard Bates, self
16:52:25 Pat Mischel, self
16:54:36 Jack Longbine, self
16:56:55 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters of Montana
16:58:36 Chloe Runs Behind, Forward Montana
17:00:15 Susie McIntyre, Director, Great Falls Public Library
17:02:14 KaCee Ballou, self
17:04:19 Clementine Lindley, self
17:06:26 Noelle Harper, self
17:08:13 Angela Archuleta, self
17:10:42 Rachel Schillreff, self
17:12:14 Christy Wert, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:14:21 Vice Chair Edith (Edie) McClafferty
17:14:57 Sarah Piper, MFPE
17:15:52 Sen. John Fuller
17:17:43 Sarah Piper, MFPE
17:18:00 Sen. Andrea Olsen
17:18:42 Sarah Piper, MFPE
17:20:19 Chair Daniel Salomon

17:21:45 Sam Forstag, MLA
17:22:03 Sen. John Fuller
17:22:14 Sam Forstag, MLA
17:22:24 Chair Daniel Salomon
17:23:36 Sam Forstag, MLA
17:24:07 Chair Daniel Salomon
17:24:52 Sarah Piper, MFPE
17:26:33 Sen. Daniel Emrich
17:28:57 Sarah Piper, MFPE
17:29:45 Sen. Daniel Emrich
17:34:56 Jenny Murnane Butcher, MOFE

Closing Statement:

17:35:52 Rep. Bob Phalen (R), HD 36, closed the hearing on HB 234.

[EXHIBIT\(230407EDSa6\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:42:00

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230407EDSaad\)](#)