

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

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Salomon-R, on May 01, 2023 at 3:29 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 20 04/27/2023

HJ 25 05/01/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN

HJ 25 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HJ 20 - Request interim study of including regional cost adjustments to school funding

Opening Statement:

15:30:40 Rep. Eric Matthews (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HJ 20, Request interim study of including regional cost adjustments to school funding.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Proponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:33:24 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:34:08 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:35:54 Sen. Greg Hertz

15:36:50 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:38:00 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:39:18 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:41:19 Sen. John Fuller

15:42:32 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:42:55 Sen. John Fuller

15:43:13 Chair Daniel Salomon

15:46:01 Rep. Eric Matthews

Closing Statement:

15:46:36 Rep. Eric Matthews (D), HD 66, closed the hearing on HJ 20.

HEARING ON HJ 25 - Request interim study of school funding

Opening Statement:

15:47:11 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HJ 25, Request interim study of school funding.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:49:20 Chair Daniel Salomon

15:49:23 Rep. Brad Barker

15:49:58 Sen. John Fuller

15:50:26 Rep. Brad Barker

15:50:50 Chair Daniel Salomon

Closing Statement:

15:51:01 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HJ 25.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 20 - Request interim study of including regional cost adjustments to school funding

15:52:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:52:40 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:53:25 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:53:50 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:54:33 Sen. Keith Regier
15:54:50 Pad McCracken
15:55:11 Chair Daniel Salomon
15:55:22 Pad McCracken
15:55:43 Sen. Greg Hertz
15:56:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Emrich, Sen. Hertz, Sen. Regier, Sen. Salomon, voting no.
Carrier Assigned: Sen. Daniel Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 25 - Request interim study of school funding

15:56:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **HJ 25 BE CONCURRED IN.**
15:56:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Carrier Assigned: Sen. Daniel Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:57:38

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230501EDSaad\)](#)