



EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

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Daniel Emrich
John Fuller
Edith (Edie) McClafferty
Daniel Salomon

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MINUTES LOG

June 19, 2024

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Daniel Salomon, Presiding Officer (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary
Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

15:00:36 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The committee secretary took roll.

Meeting Overview

15:02:29 Pad McCracken

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW AND LITIGATION UPDATE

15:03:32 Laura Sankey Keip

[EXHIBIT1](#)

15:06:01 Rep. Linda Reksten

15:06:24 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education

15:08:02 Rep. Linda Reksten

15:08:12 Laura Sankey Keip

UPDATES FROM MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

15:14:29 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

[EXHIBIT2](#)

[EXHIBIT3](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:28:12 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon

15:28:22 Jennie Stapp

15:28:47 Rep. Sue Vinton

15:29:05 Jennie Stapp

15:29:52 Vice Presiding Officer Edith (Edie) McClafferty

15:30:10 Jennie Stapp

15:30:37 Rep. Linda Reksten

15:30:57 Jennie Stapp

15:31:23 Sen. Emrich joined the meeting on zoom.

HB 332 SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST

15:32:28 Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

15:36:48 John Doran, Chief Strategy Officer, Montana School Insurance Alliance (MTSIA)

[EXHIBIT4](#)

15:51:16 Barb Riley, Chair, MTSIA

15:52:36 Craig VanNice, Vice Chair, MTSIA

Public Comment

None

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:53:55 Rep. Sue Vinton
15:54:20 John Doran, MTSIA
15:57:25 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
15:57:37 John Doran
15:58:50 Rep. Linda Reksten
15:59:08 John Doran
16:00:29 Vice Presiding Officer Edith (Edie) McClafferty

SCHOOL FUNDING CLEAN-UP BILL DRAFTS

16:01:30 Pad McCracken
16:02:27 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction
[EXHIBIT5](#)

16:03:51 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:04:02 Rep. Linda Reksten
16:04:18 Paul Taylor,OPI
16:05:49 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:05:51 Paul Taylor
16:06:05 Rep. Sue Vinton
16:06:12 Paul Taylor
16:07:15 Pad McCracken
16:08:09 [EXHIBIT6](#)

16:10:20 Paul Taylor
16:11:11 Pad McCracken
16:12:06 Paul Taylor
[EXHIBIT7](#)

16:13:40 Pad McCracken
[EXHIBIT8](#)

16:15:21 Paul Taylor
16:16:23 Pad McCracken
16:16:51 Rep. Sue Vinton
16:18:19 Pad McCracken

16:19:27 Rep. Linda Reksten
16:19:50 Paul Taylor
16:20:42 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:20:47 Pad McCracken
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[EXHIBIT10](#)

16:23:50 Megan Moore, Research Analyst, LSD
16:28:15 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:28:26 Megan Moore
16:29:05 Rep. Linda Reksten
16:29:17 Megan Moore
16:31:12 Pad McCracken

Public Comment

None

AGENCYREQUESTED LEGISLATION

16:33:56 Pad McCracken
16:37:19 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education
16:39:20 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:40:14 Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:41:13 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:41:26 McCall Flynn
16:42:31 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:42:54 Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:43:25 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:43:36 McCall Flynn

Public Comment

None

REQUIRED REPORTS

16:45:33 Pad McCracken
[EXHIBIT11](#)

16:48:17 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:49:31 Rep. Linda Reksten
16:50:19 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon
16:50:42 Rep. Sue Vinton

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE

16:52:14 Jim Howard, Superintendent Bonner Schools

Committee Questions/Discussion

16:57:46 Rep. Linda Reksten

16:58:05 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon

16:58:58 Rep. Linda Reksten

16:59:07 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon

16:59:42 Rep. Sue Vinton

16:59:52 Rep. David Bedey, HD86

17:00:37 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon

DRAFT OUTLINE OF WORK PLAN

17:00:53 Pad McCracken

[EXHIBIT12](#)

17:03:59 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe

17:04:50 Pad McCracken

17:05:35 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:06:24