

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on April 10, 2007 at 3:02 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee 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 49, 4/3/2007
Executive Action: HB 49

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Gillan

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:18 **REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D), HD 92**, opened the hearing on **HB 49**, Require study of local government special purpose districts.

00:00:48 Sen. Gebhardt left

00:01:02 Sen. Tropila left

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:14 Harold Blattie, Montana League of Counties

[EXHIBIT\(1os75a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(1os75a02\)](#)

00:11:11 Tom Ebbezry, Montana Airport Management Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:43 None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:49 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:57 Chairman Gillan to Rep. Hamilton

00:14:31 Rep. Hamilton

[EXHIBIT\(1os75a03\)](#)

00:14:49 Sen. Esp to Rep. Hamilton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:30 Rep. Hamilton

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 49

00:16:21 **Motion:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 49 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:16:30 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 49 BE AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:17:09 **Motion:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 49 BE CONCEPTUALLY
AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:17:29 Harold Blattie

00:17:51 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 49 CONCEPTUAL
AMENDMENT BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote.

00:18:50 **Motion:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 49 BE CONCURRED IN
AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:18:59 Sen. Juneau

00:19:11 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Hamilton

00:19:26 Sen. Gillan

00:19:40 Sen. Esp

00:20:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by voice vote with SEN. ESP,
SEN. GEBHARDT, and SEN. O'NEIL voting no. SEN. TROPILA
voted aye by proxy and SEN. GEBHARDT voted no by proxy.
SEN. HAWKS will carry HB 49 on the Senate Floor.

00:21:04 Sen. O'Neil

00:21:27 Chairman Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:25 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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