

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on January 13, 2009
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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 61, HB 181
Executive Action: HB 181, HB 45

00:00:01 Meeting called to order

HEARING ON HB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:28 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 61,
Revise interlibrary program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:55 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian, State Library
Commission

EXHIBIT(loh07a01)

00:11:56 Ron Moody, Lewistown, MT., Vice Chair, Montana State
Library Commission

00:16:43 Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association

EXHIBIT(loh07a02)

(Rep. Stahl arrived)

00:18:33 John Finn, Hearst Free Library, Public Library of
Anaconda

EXHIBIT(loh07a03)

00:19:25 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:19:53 Judy Hart, Lewis and Clark Library, Broad Valleys
Federation of Libraries

00:20:57 Honore Bray, Missoula Public Library, Tamarack
Federation

EXHIBIT(loh07a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:17 Rep. Ingraham

00:23:35 Ms. Staffeldt

00:23:51 Rep. Ingraham

00:24:15 Ms. Staffeldt

00:25:13 Rep. Ingraham

00:25:32 Ms. Staffeldt

00:26:34 Rep. Ingraham

00:26:47 Ms. Staffeldt

00:27:17 Rep. Berry

00:27:23 Rep. Sesso

00:27:24 Rep. Berry

00:27:34 Rep. Sesso
00:29:46 Rep. Menahan
00:30:41 Ms. Staffeldt
00:32:03 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:32:09 Rep. Menahan
00:32:14 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:32:49 Rep. Sesso
00:34:03 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:34:12 Rep. Sesso
00:34:15 Chairwoman Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:21 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 181

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:59 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 181, Authorize design-build water and sewer districts.

[EXHIBIT\(loh07a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:38 Richard Larsen, Former Mayor of Billings

[EXHIBIT\(loh07a06\)](#)

00:48:25 Rep. William Glaser, HD 44, Huntley

00:51:55 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:54:34 Gary Forester, Lockwood Sewer and Water Board

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:52 Rep. Ingraham
00:57:37 Mr. Larsen
00:57:58 Rep. Berry
00:58:30 Mr. Hegreberg
00:59:17 Rep. Berry
00:59:36 Mr. Hegreberg
01:00:19 Rep. Stahl
01:01:45 Rep. Peterson
01:02:26 Rep. Vance
01:02:45 Rep. Peterson
01:03:21 Rep. Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:36 Rep. Peterson

01:05:17 Chairwoman Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45

01:06:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 45 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sands
and Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

01:07:54 Rep. Ingraham

01:08:06 Rep. More

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 181

01:08:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 181 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sands
and Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

01:09:00 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:10:05 Rep. Ebinger

01:10:10 Chairwoman Arntzen

Additional Document

Map explaining Tamarack and Golden Plains library federation

ADJOURNMENT

01:10:35 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([loh07aad.pdf](#))