

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on February 17, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (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. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)

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: HB 519, HB 520, HB 521, HB 522,
HB 523, HB 545
Executive Action: HB 519, HB 520, HB 521

00:00:00 Call to order

HEARING ON HB 545

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:34 Rep. Chas Vincent (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 545, Revise membership of county compensation boards.

(Rep. Grinde arrived.)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:34 Steve White, Gallatin County Commissioner

00:07:44 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:56 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark Commissioners

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:01 Rep. Ingraham

00:12:40 Rep. Vincent

00:13:17 Rep. Hands

00:13:35 Rep. Vincent

00:17:24 Rep. Hands

00:17:50 Mr. Morris

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:20 Rep. Vincent

HEARING ON HB 519

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:50 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 519, Revise deadlines under subdivision and platting act.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:50 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HB 520

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:50 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 520, Revise land use planning laws.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:50 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HB 521

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:50 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 521, Generally revise land use planning, zoning, and subdivision laws.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:50 Rep. Reinhart

00:25:23 Rep. Reichner

00:25:38 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HB 522

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:50 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 522, Revise subdivision exemptions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:16 Tammy McGill, University of Montana; President,
Montana Association of Planners

[EXHIBIT \(loh37a01\)](#)

00:36:31 Myra Shults, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:45 Rep. Ingraham

00:39:02 Ms. McGill
00:40:06 Rep. MacLaren
00:40:15 Ms. Shults

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:52 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HB 519

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON HB 520

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON HB 521

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON HB 523

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:53 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on
HB 523, Revise zoning protest provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:09 Jim Moose, Missoula County
01:02:53 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition
01:04:00 Brenda Lindleaf Hall, Helena, Montana
01:05:38 Mike Lamb, Helena, Montana
01:08:33 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition

EXHIBIT (loh37a02)

01:11:05 Kat McKay, Helena, Montana
01:11:58 Donna Burgess, Sealey/Swan Valley
01:12:57 Eileen Watson

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:26 Steve White, Commissioner, Gallatin County
01:19:07 Daniel Cox
01:25:10 Rick Hill, Montana Building Industry Association

EXHIBIT (loh37a03)

01:28:31 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:30:56 Mark Baker, Attorney, Anderson, Baker and Swanson;
Plumb Creek Timber Company
01:34:46 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner
01:35:09 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
01:35:27 Glenn Oppel, Montana Realtors

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:03 Rep. Hands
01:36:32 Rep. Reinhart
01:38:20 Rep. MacLaren
01:38:39 Rep. Reinhart
01:39:58 Rep. MacLaren
01:40:17 Mr. Moose
01:42:27 Rep. Hamilton
01:42:54 Mr. Baker
01:44:38 Chairwoman Arntzen
01:44:53 Mr. Moose
01:45:47 Chairwoman Arntzen
01:45:59 Rep. Reinhart
01:47:55 Chairwoman Arntzen
01:48:07 Mr. White
01:49:52 Rep. Stahl
01:50:00 Mr. Moose

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:51 Rep. Reinhart

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 520

02:01:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 520 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 519

02:01:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 519 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 521

02:01:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 521 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:03:18 Rep. Reinhart

02:03:38 Rep. Ebinger

02:04:41 Rep. Hands

ADJOURNMENT

02:05:03 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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