

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on February 20, 2009 at  
12:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**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: None  
Executive Action: HB 545, HB 522, HB 466, HB 486,  
HB 623, HB 524, HB 620, HB 520  
HB 564

00:00:00 Call to order  
(Rep. MacLaren arrived)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 545**

00:01:47 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 545 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:55 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

00:02:25 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 545 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (loh40a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:02:43 Rep. Ingraham

00:03:42 Mr. Kolman

(Rep. Sands, Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Menahan arrived)

00:04:30 Rep. Ingraham

00:05:39 Mr. Kolman

00:06:15 Rep. Hands

00:06:50 Rep. Ingraham

00:08:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Ebinger and Rep. Bennett voted by proxy.

00:09:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 545 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. Menahan and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. Ebinger and Rep. Bennett voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 522**

00:09:59 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 522 DO PASS.**

00:10:45 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 522 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (loh40a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:11:08 Mr. Kolman

00:11:36 Rep. Reinhart

00:11:40 Rep. Reichner

00:12:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Ebinger and Rep. Bennett voted by proxy.

(Rep. Bennett arrived.)

00:12:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 522 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 466**

00:13:02 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 466 DO PASS**.

00:13:36 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 466 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT (loh40a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:14:00 Mr. Kolman  
00:14:30 Rep. Becker  
00:15:08 Rep. Stahl  
00:15:21 Rep. Becker

00:15:45 **Motion:** Rep. Sands moved to **SEGREGATE AMENDMENT ONE AND TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TWO AND THREE**.

**Discussion:**

00:16:15 Rep. Ingraham  
00:16:52 Mr. Kolman  
00:17:17 Rep. Ingraham  
00:17:52 Rep. Hands  
00:18:27 Rep. Grinde  
00:18:48 Rep. MacLaren  
00:19:12 Rep. Stahl  
00:19:23 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties  
00:21:00 Rep. Stahl  
00:21:43 Rep. Hands  
00:22:14 Rep. Becker  
00:22:35 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:22:43 Mr. Kolman  
00:22:55 Rep. Hands  
00:23:37 Rep. Reinhart

00:24:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:24:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 466 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. More, and Rep. Stahl voting no. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 524**

00:24:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 524 DO PASS**. Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Grinde, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Menahan, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Sands voting aye. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:27:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 524 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 486**

00:28:10 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 486 DO PASS**.

00:28:28 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 486 BE AMENDED**. [EXHIBIT \(loh40a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:29:09 Mr. Kolman

00:29:32 Chairwoman Arntzen

00:29:41 Rep. Maclaren

00:30:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:30:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 486 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 620**

00:31:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 620 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623**

00:31:46 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 623 DO PASS**.

00:31:58 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 623 BE AMENDED**. [EXHIBIT \(loh40a05\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:32:35 Mr. Kolman

00:34:04 Rep. Stahl

00:34:25 Rep. More

00:34:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:35:03 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 623 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:12 Rep. Bennett

00:35:47 Rep. Hands

00:36:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Ebinger voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 564**

00:37:05 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 564 DO PASS.**

00:37:17 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 564 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** (loh40a06)

**Discussion:**

00:37:33 Mr. Kolman

00:37:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep.  
Ebinger, Rep. Hamilton, and Rep. Hands voting no. Rep.  
Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:38:18 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 564 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.**

00:38:26 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Driscoll made a substitute  
motion that **HB 564 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried  
12-6 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Berry, Rep.  
Ingraham, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. More, and Rep. Vance  
voting no. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 520**

00:39:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stahl moved **HB 520 BE TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**. Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Vance voting no.

00:40:26 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 520 DO PASS**.

00:40:41 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 520 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT (loh40a07)**

**Discussion:**

00:41:19 Mr. Kolman

00:42:37 Rep. Reinhart

00:44:02 Rep. Reichner

00:44:07 Rep. Hands

00:44:29 Rep. More

00:45:32 Rep. Stahl

00:46:48 Rep. Reichner

00:47:23 Rep. Hands

00:47:33 Rep. Reinhart

00:48:16 Rep. Bennett

00:48:29 Rep. Vance

00:48:36 Rep. Reichner

00:48:46 Rep. Menahan

00:49:31 Rep. Hands

00:49:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by voice vote with Rep. Berry, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Grinde, Rep. Hands, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. More, and Rep. Reichner voting no. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:50:10 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 520 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

00:50:38 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 520 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Berry, Rep. Grinde, Rep. Hands, Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Vance voting aye. Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:51:51 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 520 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT (loh40a08)**

00:53:18 Chairwoman Arntzen

00:53:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Berry, and Rep. Driscoll voting no.

00:53:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 520 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Becker, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Menahan, Rep. Reinhart, Rep. Sands, and Rep. Stahl voting aye. Rep. Vance and Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:54:52 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([loh40aad.pdf](#))**