

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gary MacLaren, on January 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

00:00:06

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Kris Hansen (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. James Knox (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gordon Vance

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch  
Phoebe Williams, 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 and Date Posted HB 41, January 6, 2011  
Executive Action on HB 41

00:01:36 Legislative Staffer Helen Thigpen made a few housekeeping announcements.

00:02:29 Lenore Adams, Legislative Services Division discussed safety and evacuation procedures.

**EXHIBIT(loh08a01)**

00:08:44 Chairman Gary MacLaren announced that the rules committee had decided that each individual committee would decide on the use of proxies.

00:09:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **COMMITTEE PROXIES BE ALLOWED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:10:00 Chairman MacLaren asked that proxies be signed and turned in to Vice Chair Moore or ranking member, Rep. Michele Reinhart.

00:13:45 Rep. Gordon Vance returned to the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 41**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:42 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 41, Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:05 Paul Christofferson, Department of Administration

00:18:53 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

00:19:25 Alec Hansen, League of City and Towns

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:19 Rep. Derek Skees

00:21:56 Paul Christofferson  
00:24:02 Rep. Skees asked a follow up question  
00:24:22 Paul Christofferson  
00:24:47 Rep. Jerry O'Neil  
00:25:14 Paul Christofferson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:35 Rep. Stahl closed on HB 41.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 41**

00:27:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 41 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:29:51

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh08aad.pdf](#))**