

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 15, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)  
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, 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 314, 3/11/2013, HB 562, 3/11/2013

Executive Action: HB 446, Partial Action, Remains in committee.

**HEARING ON HB 314**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:34 Rep. Doug Kary (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 314, Revising special district laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:57 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:22:51 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)  
00:25:07 Bruce McCandless, City of Billings (COB)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:52 Sen. Olson  
00:26:07 Rep. Kary  
00:26:17 Sen. Olson  
00:26:57 Harold Blattie, MACo  
00:28:08 Sen. Malek  
00:30:40 Harold Blattie  
00:31:45 Sen. Buttrey  
00:32:20 Harold Blattie

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:33 Rep. Kary

**HEARING ON HB 562**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:04 Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 562, Revise subdivision laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:42 David Elias, representing self  
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00:39:04 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:52 Sen. Malek  
00:40:26 David Elias, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:18 Rep. Swanson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 446**

00:42:24 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved that **HB 446 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:57 Sen. Augare  
00:47:27 Sen. Buttrey  
00:47:44 Sen. Taylor  
00:48:44 Sen. Olson  
00:51:20 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:51:25 Sen. Malek  
00:54:18 Sen. Olson  
00:55:23 Sen. Boulanger  
00:57:19 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:58:48 Sen. Malek left the hearing.  
00:58:56 Sen. Taylor  
00:59:27 Sen. Barrett entered the hearing.  
01:00:17 Sen. Barrett  
01:02:56 Sen. Olson  
01:03:28 Sen. Augare  
01:04:38 Sen. Buttrey  
01:05:28 Sen. Olson  
01:06:17 Sen. Augare  
01:07:23 Sen. Buttrey

01:07:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Boulanger, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Tutvedt voting aye. Sen. Malek and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy. (Due to failed vote, HB 446 remains in committee)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los56aad.pdf](#))**