

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on January 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Geraldine Custer, Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Steve Gunderson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Chris Bushnell, 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 & Date Posted: HB 19, 1/11/2019; HB 131, 1/11/2019; HB 169, 1/11/2019
Executive Action on: HB 55; HB 123; HB 124; HB 125

14:31:14 Chair Custer
14:33:05 Committee recessed
14:50:06 Committee reconvened with Rep. Skees present.
14:50:07 Rep. Manzella exited the meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 55

14:50:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 55 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

14:51:28 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 123 DO PASS**.
14:51:42 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 123 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(loh12a01\)](#)

Discussion:

14:51:57 Ginger Aldrich, Legal Services Division (LSD)
14:52:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.
14:52:58 Rep. Harvey entered the meeting.
14:53:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 123 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.
14:53:15 Rep. Grubbs joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 124

14:53:51 Chair Custer
14:53:58 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 124 DO PASS**.
14:54:14 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 124 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(loh12a02\)](#)

Discussion:

14:54:33 Ginger Aldrich, LSD
14:54:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.
14:55:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 124 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 125

14:56:27 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 125 DO PASS.**
14:56:46 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 125 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(loh12a03\)](#)

Discussion:

14:57:08 Ginger Aldrich (LSD)

14:57:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

14:58:22 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 125 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:58:31 Rep. Marler

14:59:11 Rep. Pope

14:59:42 Rep. Garner

15:00:09 Rep. Grubbs

15:00:44 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

15:01:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 125 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 169**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:12 Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 169, Exempting certain cooperative purchasing agreements from competitive bidding.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:21 Bill Otto, Sourcewell

15:07:50 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:09:08 Meghan Holmlund, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:58 Rep. Pope

15:11:46 Meghan Holmlund, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:12:35 Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D), HD 99

HEARING ON HB 131**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:13:02 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 131, Specifying a county attorney's obligation in certain legal matters.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:00 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(lah12a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:18:12 Leo Gallagher, Montana County Attorney's Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:47 Rep. Grubbs
15:22:13 Eric Bryson, MACO
15:23:28 Vice Chair Fern
15:23:57 Eric Bryson, MACO
15:25:03 Rep. Pope
15:25:43 Leo Gallagher, Montana County Attorney's Association
15:27:59 Rep. Skees
15:28:22 Eric Bryson, MACO
15:28:26 Rep. Skees
15:28:39 Eric Bryson, MACO
15:29:37 Rep. Skees
15:29:57 Eric Bryson, MACO

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:42 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57

HEARING ON HB 19**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:32:12 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 19, Revise definition of "high-poverty county" for Big Sky Economic Development.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:38:48 Sean Becker, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:39:08 Rep. Fern
15:39:43 Sean Becker, DOC
15:40:05 Rep. Fern

15:40:20 Rep. Stewart Peregoy (D), HD 42

EXHIBIT(loh12a05)

15:43:27 Vice Chair Gunderson

15:43:51 Sean Becker, DOC

15:44:13 Vice Chair Gunderson

15:44:40 Sean Becker, DOC

EXHIBIT(loh12a06)

Closing by Sponsor:

15:46:57 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D), HD 42

15:47:17 Chair Custer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:47:18

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh12aad.pdf](#))