

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on February 7, 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. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (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 253, 1/28/2019; HB 321, 1/28/2019; HB 331, 1/28/2019
Executive Action on: HB 15; HB 207; HB 236; HB 299; HB 331; SB 2

15:15:06 Chair Custer
15:16:44 Rep. Manzella entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 253

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:16:40 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 253, Adopt a vacant property registration act.

EXHIBIT(loh25a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:27:25 Andy Skinner, Self
15:36:31 Charles Carson, Self
15:36:47 Katie Thompson, Self

EXHIBIT(loh25a02)

15:39:57 Jeff Strong, Self
15:43:20 Rep. Grubbs entered the meeting.
15:45:00 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association

EXHIBIT(loh25a03)

15:47:43 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors
15:48:08 Rick Linafelter, Montana Landlords Association
15:48:32 Pat Duncan, Montana Landlords Association
15:48:47 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Bankers
15:49:01 Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association
15:49:10 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce
15:49:29 James Anderson, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:50:25 Rep. Fern
15:50:49 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28
15:51:23 Rep. Marler
15:51:42 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28
15:52:15 Rep. Marler
15:52:29 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28
15:53:19 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
15:53:52 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28
15:59:20 Rep. Zolnikov
15:59:57 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28
16:00:58 Vice Chair Fern
16:01:20 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28
16:01:37 Vice Chair Fern
16:02:27 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28
16:03:50 Chair Custer
16:05:02 Rep. Bachmeier, HD 28

Closing by Sponsor:

16:06:19 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28

HEARING ON HB 331

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:08:26 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 331, Allow cities to collect waste fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:10:00 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:14:30 E.J. Redding, Montana Solid Waste Contractors Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:15:15 Rep. Marler
16:16:23 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
16:17:08 Rep. Krotkov
16:17:27 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
16:17:36 Rep. Zolnikov
16:18:55 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
16:20:29 Rep. Zolnikov
16:21:36 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a05\)](#)

16:23:27 Chair Custer
16:23:57 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
16:24:03 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

16:24:17 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17

16:24:50 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 321

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:24:51 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 321, Allow local governments to limit use of compression brakes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

16:27:35 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
16:28:10 Rep. Manzella left the meeting.

16:30:29 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)
 16:32:42 Nick Jerke, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:36:19 Rep. Fern
 16:36:39 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
 16:37:07 Jason Todhunter, MLA
 16:37:41 Vice Chair Gunderson
 16:38:00 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
 16:38:41 Rep. Pope
 16:39:05 Nick Jerke, Self
 16:40:09 Rep. Pope
 16:40:54 Nick Jerke, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

16:42:36 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20

 16:43:18 Rep. Fern
 16:43:47 Chair Custer
 16:44:01 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 16:45:02 Rep. Garcia left the meeting.
 16:46:46 Rep. Fern
 16:46:58 Ginger Aldrich, LSD
 16:47:17 Chair Custer
 16:47:23 Ginger Aldrich, LSD
 16:47:40 Rep. Pope
 16:48:02 Ginger Aldrich, LSD
 16:48:29 Chair Custer

 16:49:12 Recessed
 17:11:42 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15

17:12:02 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 15 DO PASS.**

 17:12:15 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 15 BE AMENDED**
EXHIBIT(loh25a06)

Discussion:

17:12:42 Rep Harvey
 17:13:09 Chair Custer
 17:14:36 Rep. Grubbs

 17:15:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

17:15:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 15 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 14-3 by voice vote with Rep. DeVries, Rep. Manzella and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 207

17:17:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 207 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. DeVries, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 236

17:19:05 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 236 DO PASS**.

17:19:21 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 236 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(loh25a07\)](#)

Discussion:

17:19:37 Rep. Fern

17:19:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

17:20:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 236 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 331

17:21:33 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 331 DO PASS**.

17:21:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 331 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(loh25a08\)](#)

17:22:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 331 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 299

17:23:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 299 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 2

17:24:08 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **SB 2 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:24:25 Rep. Grubbs

17:24:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Fern will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:25:28

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh25aad.pdf](#))