

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Dave Fern, on February 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Geraldine Custer, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

**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: SB 20, 2/12/2019; HB 364, 2/12/2019; HB 379, 2/12/2019

16:07:25 Vice Chair Fern.

**HEARING ON SB 20**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:09:27 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 20, Allow certain municipalities to annex onto a rural fire district.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:12:04 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)  
16:13:39 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive  
16:14:15 Ted Barkley, City of Belgrade  
16:22:11 Rich Cowger, Montana State Fire Chiefs' Association, Montana Fire Alliance Association  
16:23:25 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Firemen's Association  
16:24:08 Ron Lindroth, Central Valley Fire District  
16:25:48 Russ Nelson, Mayor, Belgrade

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:27:01 Rep. Garner  
16:27:50 Sen. Roger Webb, SD 23  
16:28:08 Rep. Skees  
16:28:51 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Firemen's Association

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:29:20 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23

**HEARING ON HB 364**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:31:27 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 364, Require creation of emergency preparedness manual for nontraditional responders.

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**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:34:36 Delila Bruno, Montana Department of Military Affairs, Disasters and Emergency Services Division (MT DES)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:34:42 Rep. Skees  
16:35:20 Delila Bruno, MT DES

16:36:45 Rep. Harvey  
 16:37:22 Rep. Joe Read, HD 93  
 16:43:51 Vice Chair Fern  
 16:44:05 Delila Bruno, MT DES  
 16:44:52 Vice Chair Fern  
 16:45:05 Rep. Joe Read, HD 93  
 16:48:12 Rep. Marler  
 16:48:45 Rep. Joe Read, HD 93

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:50:52 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93

**HEARING ON HB 379**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:51:18 Rep. Theresa Manzella (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 379, Establish working animal protection act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:58:29 Mike Weigel, Algeria Shrine  
 17:03:34 Rep. Wylie Galt, HD 30  
 17:04:43 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau  
 17:05:15 Karen Yost, Self  
 17:08:46 Margaret Duezabou, Self  
 17:12:25 Doreen Gillespie, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

17:14:58 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)  
 17:18:03 James Schell, Mayor, East Helena  
 17:20:01 Nanette Gilbertson, Humane Society of Western Montana  
 17:22:18 Pete Elverum, East Helena

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:24:48 Rep. Marler  
 17:25:58 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85  
 17:26:09 Rep. Marler  
 17:26:25 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85.  
 17:27:13 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 17:27:35 Rep. Marler  
 17:27:47 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85  
 17:28:35 Rep. Krotkov  
 17:28:59 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85  
 17:29:11 Rep. Krotkov  
 17:29:28 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85  
 17:29:38 Rep. Krotkov  
 17:30:21 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85  
 17:30:55 Chair Custer  
 17:31:14 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85

17:31:36 Rep. Skees  
17:32:57 Kelly Lynch, MLCT  
17:33:05 Rep. Pope  
17:33:15 Vice Chair Fern  
17:33:18 Rep. Skees  
17:33:43 Vice Chair Fern  
17:33:56 Rep. Pope  
17:34:43 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85  
17:35:17 Rep. Pope  
17:36:19 Rep. Manzella

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:38:15 Rep. Theresa Manzella, HD 85

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:39:04

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([loh31aad.pdf](#))