

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 15, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Jack Racicot, 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 154, 2/8/2019; HB 259, 2/8/2019; SB 243, 2/11/2019

HEARING ON HB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:37 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 259, Generally revise special district laws.

EXHIBIT(los32a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:44 Dan Browder, deputy county attorney, Ravalli County, Ravalli County Park District

15:08:37 Dan Semmens, Dorsey and Whitney, LLP

15:16:00 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:17:19 Kelly Lynch, deputy director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:18:06 Sen. Webb

15:18:28 Mr. Browder, Ravalli County

15:20:14 Chair Lang

15:20:31 Mr. Rittal, MACo

15:20:57 Chair Lang

15:21:06 Mr. Rittal

Closing by Sponsor:

15:21:23 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON SB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:22:13 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 243, Generally revise laws related to maintenance districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:25:43 Kelly Lynch, deputy director, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

EXHIBIT(los32a02)

15:29:25 Dan Semmens, Dorsey and Whitney, LLP

15:31:09 Dave Palmer, chief executive, Butte-Silver Bow County

15:32:06 Glen Jorgenson, finance director, City of Helena

15:35:55 Danette Gleason, finance and budget director, Butte-Silver Bow County

15:36:49 Brendan McDonough, county commissioner, Butte-Silver Bow County

15:38:47 Eileen Joyce, county attorney, Butte-Silver Bow County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:02 Sen. Ellsworth
15:40:34 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
15:40:40 Sen. Ellsworth
15:40:49 Ms. Lynch
15:40:53 Sen. Ellsworth
15:41:05 Ms. Lynch
15:41:33 Sen. Ellsworth
15:41:46 Ms. Lynch
15:41:57 Sen. McConnell
15:42:15 Sen. Ellis
15:42:23 Sen. McConnell
15:42:28 Sen. Webb
15:42:50 Mr. Semmens, Dorsey
15:44:23 Sen. Webb
15:44:28 Mr. Semmens

Closing by Sponsor:

15:46:15 Sen. Ellis

HEARING ON HB 154

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:47:27 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 154, Generally revise laws related to disposal and destruction of public records.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:49:28 Rebecca Meyers, Missoula County
15:50:48 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties

[EXHIBIT\(los32a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:52:00 Rep. Sullivan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

Jack Racicot, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los32aad.pdf](#))