

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 13, 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. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 324, 3/8/2019; HB 331, 3/8/2019

Executive Action: HB 15 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 324**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:41 Rep. Walt Sales (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 324, Generally revise laws related to county water and/or sewer districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:40 Susan Swimley, Four Corners County Water and Sewer District
15:09:47 Nathan Bilyeu, attorney, representing Service Bond Council
15:13:44 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:34 Sen. Ellsworth
15:14:58 Ms. Swimley, Four Corners
15:15:12 Sen. Ellsworth
15:15:26 Ms. Swimley
15:16:24 Sen. Ellsworth
15:17:15 Ms. Swimley
15:18:14 Sen. Ellsworth
15:18:40 Ms. Swimley
15:20:17 Sen. Ellsworth
15:20:27 Ms. Swimley
15:20:32 Sen. Ellsworth
15:20:50 Ms. Swimley
15:21:50 Sen. Ellsworth
15:22:09 Ms. Swimley
15:22:58 Sen. Ellsworth
15:23:11 Ms. Swimley
15:23:17 Chair Lang
15:23:35 Ms. Swimley
15:24:04 Sen. Webb
15:24:15 Ms. Swimley
15:24:48 Sen. Sesso
15:26:08 Ms. Swimley
15:26:46 Sen. Sesso
15:27:24 Ms. Swimley
15:28:13 Chair Lang
15:28:28 Ms. Swimley

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:09 Rep. Sales

HEARING ON HB 331**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:31:25 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 331, Allow cities to collect waste fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:33:48 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:36:51 Sen. Webb
15:37:04 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
15:37:37 Chair Lang
15:38:04 Ms. Lynch
15:38:30 Chair Lang
15:38:43 Ms. Lynch
15:38:48 Sen. Ellsworth
15:39:37 Ms. Lynch
15:40:13 Sen. Webb
15:40:36 Ms. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:41 Rep. Fitzgerald

15:42:11 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15

15:42:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved to **RECONSIDER HB 15**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. MacDonald was excused.

15:43:28 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 15 BE CONCURRED IN**.

15:44:05 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 15 BE AMENDED**.

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Discussion:

15:44:18 Chair Lang
15:44:36 Sen. Webb
15:45:22 Sen. Sesso
15:45:50 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:46:04 Chair Lang

15:46:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. MacDonald voted by proxy.

15:47:16 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 15 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:47:28 Sen. Sesso

15:48:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. MacDonald voted by proxy. Sen. Sesso will carry the bill.

15:49:15 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:49 PM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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