

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Geraldine Custer, on January 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Geraldine Custer, Chair (R)  
Rep. Larry Brewster, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Mark Thane (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary  
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch  
Leigha Bradford, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 104, 1/12/2021; HB 145, 1/12/2021  
Executive Action on: HB 104; HB 22

**HEARING ON HB 104****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:07 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 104, Revise county leasing authority.

15:03:00 Rep. Gist joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:33 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:06:26 Dave Strohmaier, Missoula Board of County Commissioners

15:08:28 Commissioner Dan Ellison, Jefferson County

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:12:00 Chair Custer

15:12:27 Rep. Malone

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:12:44 Rep. Malone

15:14:15 Brief Recess

15:21:30 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 22**

15:22:24 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 22 DO PASS.**

15:22:40 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 22 BE AMENDED.**

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**Discussion:**

15:23:08 Rep. Trebas

15:23:25 Rep. Galloway

15:23:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Trebas voting no.

15:25:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 22 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 104**

15:26:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 104 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:27:04 Recess  
15:44:17 Reconvened

### **HEARING ON HB 145**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:44:32 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), , opened the hearing on HB 145, Allow local boards of health and health officers to issue recommendations.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:47:13 Robyn Mohs, self

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:48:46 Lois Fitzpatrick, self  
15:52:27 Shannon Therriault, Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA)  
15:56:31 Karen Sullivan, self  
15:59:42 Michael Biggins, self  
16:02:30 Rep. Gunderson  
16:03:37 Lori Byron, Academy of Pediatrics  
16:06:13 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
16:07:58 Rep. Kerns joined the meeting.

#### **Informational Testimony:**

16:09:43 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity Montana  
  
16:10:54 Rep. Fern  
16:11:42 Rep. Dunwell

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:13:02 Rep. Gist  
16:14:19 Shannon Therriault, MEHA  
16:14:57 Rep. Trebas  
16:16:43 Lois Fitzpatrick, self  
16:17:21 Rep. Dunwell  
16:18:53 Karen Sullivan, self  
16:21:34 Rep. Thane  
16:25:09 Rep. Fielder  
16:26:41 Rep. Gunderson  
16:29:44 Rep. Fielder  
16:30:01 Rep. Gist  
16:30:56 Rep. Hawk  
16:31:46 Karen Sullivan, self  
16:33:59 Rep. Kerns  
16:38:01 Karen Sullivan, self  
16:39:15 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.  
16:39:51 Rep. Dunwell  
16:41:09 Shannon Therriault, MEHA  
16:43:41 Rep. Galloway  
16:46:59 Karen Sullivan, self

16:48:20 Rep. Trebas  
16:49:08 Shannon Therriault, MEHA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:51:34 Rep. Fielder  
  
16:54:54 Rep. Gunderson  
16:55:23 Chair Custer  
16:56:57 Rep. Galloway  
16:57:23 Leigha Bradford, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)  
16:58:01 Chair Custer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:58:22

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([loh12aad.pdf](#))