

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on January 21, 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 Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, 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 49, 1/14/2021; HB 86, 1/14/2021

15:01:38 Chair Custer

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:25 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 49, Revise recording fees to support county and state land information accounts.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:05 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Librarian (MSL)
15:14:42 Paul Mackenzie, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co.
15:17:00 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MTWPA)
15:19:39 Jess Luther, Idaho Forest Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

15:21:17 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Clerk and Recorder
15:21:35 Evan Hammer, Montana State Library (MSL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:57 Rep. Gunderson
15:24:24 Evan Hammer, Montana State Library (MSL)
15:24:51 Rep. Gunderson
15:26:50 Paul McKenzie, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co.
15:27:41 Rep. Galloway
15:29:25 Jennie Stapp, MSL
15:33:17 Rep. Galloway
15:34:17 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Clerk and Recorder
15:35:19 Rep. Fern
15:37:50 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Clerk and Recorder
15:39:45 Vice Chair Dunwell
15:41:12 Jennie Stapp, MSL
15:44:50 Rep. Galloway
15:46:05 Rep. Bedey

Closing by Sponsor:

15:49:14 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:50:54 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 86, Allow the creation of regional fire protection authorities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:25 Chief Rich Cowger, Montana Fire Alliance
16:03:26 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters (MSCPFF)
16:06:56 Lynn Stimpson, Volunteer Fire Chief
16:08:29 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
16:09:54 Ted Barkley, City of Belgrade

Opponents' Testimony:

16:14:09 Paul McKenzie, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co.
16:18:37 Julia Altemus, MTWPA

Informational Testimony:

Michael DeGrosky, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:22:08 Rep. Whitman
16:22:48 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
16:23:37 Ted Barkley, City of Belgrade
16:23:53 Rep. Whitman
16:24:10 Rep. Fern
16:25:21 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:25:56 Michael DeGrosky, DNRC
16:28:14 Rep. Galloway
16:29:27 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
16:30:17 Rep. Galloway
16:32:16 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
16:33:48 Rep. Kerns
16:34:25 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:35:21 Rep. Fern
16:36:21 Kelly Lynch, FHSLC
16:39:35 Rep. Fern
16:40:10 Rep. Kortum
16:40:38 Rep. Harvey
16:41:42 Michael DeGrosky, DNRC
16:43:36 Rep. Trebas
16:44:30 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
16:45:46 Rep. Kerns
16:46:25 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
16:48:15 Rep. Galloway
16:49:49 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
16:51:32 Rep. Gist
16:56:18 Chief Rich Cowger, FCC, MFA
16:56:38 Rep. Fern
16:58:25 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
17:01:14 Rep. Kurns
17:02:03 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
17:03:36 Rep. Galloway
17:05:13 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
17:07:50 Chair Custer
17:08:27 Rep. Kortum
17:09:25 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
17:11:29 Rep. Gist
17:11:57 Chief Rich Cowger, MFA
17:13:18 Rep. Kerns
17:13:53 Rep. Gist
17:15:06 Rep. Galloway
17:15:34 Vice Chair Dunwell

17:15:56 Dave Maslowski, MSCPFF
17:16:45 Chair Custer
17:22:06 Michael DeGrosky, MT DNRC
17:22:50 Rep. Gist

Closing by Sponsor:

17:23:05 Rep. Dunwell

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:24:34

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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