

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on January 26, 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
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 134, 1/14/2021; HB 123, 1/14/2021

15:02:34 Rep. Kerns joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:49 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 123, Revise laws regarding the stringency of local septic regulations.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:05:57 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

15:10:47 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Relators (MAR)

Informational Testimony:

15:15:14 Kevin Smith, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:43 Rep. Galloway

15:16:01 Rep. Bedey

15:20:01 Rep. Fern

15:22:41 Kevin Smith DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:04 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:26:06 Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 134, Allow zoning for duplex, triplex, and fourplex housing in certain municipalities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:28:30 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

15:32:16 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

15:35:37 Jack Rinck, Associated Students of the University of Montana

15:38:34 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of the Montana State University

15:41:00 Mark Egge, self

15:44:31 Ethan Hanley, self

16:00:33 Emily Hamilton, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Opponents' Testimony:

15:45:48 SK Rossi, City of Bozeman

15:49:04 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

15:55:40 Mayre Flowers, Montana Smart Growth Coalition, (MSGC)

15:58:06 Andrew Hagemeyer, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:07:13 Rep. Gist
16:08:14 Andrew Hagemeyer, MAP
16:08:42 Rep. Galloway
16:09:39 Andrew Hagemeyer, MAP
16:10:46 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:12:21 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:18:41 Rep. Kortum
16:19:13 Andrew Hagemeyer, MAP
16:21:05 Rep. Gunderson
16:26:48 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:28:20 Rep. Kerns
16:30:44 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:31:55 Vice Chair Brewster
16:37:55 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:39:31 Rep. Trebas
16:40:23 SK Rossi, City of Bozeman
16:41:09 Rep. Trebas
16:42:07 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
16:43:27 Rep. Whitman
16:44:13 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:46:44 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:47:46 SK Rossi, City of Bozeman
16:48:21 Rep. Galloway
16:52:38 David Herbst, AFP
16:53:25 Rep. Galloway
16:53:57 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
16:55:23 Chair Custer
16:56:40 Mayre Flowers, MSGC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:57:46 Rep. Tenenbaum

17:02:19 Rep. Harvey
17:02:58 Chair Custer
17:03:36 Rep. Kerns
17:04:29 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

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17:10:51 Chair Custer
17:11:02 Rep. Galloway
17:11:21 Toni Henneman, LSD
17:11:45 Rep. Gunderson
17:12:24 Rep. Fern
17:13:16 Vice Chair Dunwell
17:13:36 Chair Custer

17:13:52 Rep. Galloway
17:14:09 Vice Chair Brewster
17:14:29 Chair Custer
17:14:35 Toni Henneman, LSD
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17:15:39 Rep. Fern
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17:16:16 Chair Custer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:16:30

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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