

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on February 4, 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. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (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. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)

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 255, 1/25/2021; HB 220, 1/25/2021

15:12:20 Chair Custer

HEARING ON HB 220

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:13:22 Rep. Brian Putnam (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 220, Allow special district to receive funds from federal revenue sharing programs.

15:14:20 Rep. Kerns joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

15:15:29 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(loh24a01)

15:20:54 Commissioner Todd Devlin, Prairie County; Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(loh24a02)

15:27:11 Shelby Demars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)

15:28:41 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:29:29 Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:30:08 Rep. Fern

15:30:54 Commissioner Devlin, Prairie County; MACo

15:33:40 Rep. Gunderson

15:34:37 Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics

15:34:47 Rep. Gunderson

15:35:15 Commissioner Devlin, Prairie County; MACo

15:35:17 Rep. Gunderson

15:35:29 Jason Rittal, MACo

15:36:16 Rep. Trebas

15:36:58 Jason Rittal, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

15:38:07 Rep. Putnam

HEARING ON HB 255

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:38:49 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 255, Revising time period to protest sewer and/or water district assessments.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:46:47 Pam Ellis, self

15:52:28 Chris Kukulski, City of Billings

15:53:53 Jennifer Owen, Billings Heights Neighborhood Task Force
15:57:43 Ming Cabrera, Billings Heights Business Association

Opponents' Testimony:

16:01:41 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Districts (MRWD)

[EXHIBIT\(loh24a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:23 Rep. Gist
16:06:55 Steve Wade, MRWD
16:07:35 Rep. Gunderson
16:09:02 Vice Chair Brewster
16:10:35 Rep. Thane
16:11:48 Vice Chair Brewster
16:12:03 Rep. Galloway
16:15:52 Vice Chair Brewster
16:17:24 Rep. Zolnikov
16:18:10 Pam Ellis, self
16:22:35 Rep. Zolnikov
16:23:06 Vice Chair Brewster
16:23:44 Rep. Fern
16:28:00 Chris Kukulski, City of Billings
16:28:30 Rep. Gunderson
16:29:55 Chair Custer
16:30:01 Rep. Galloway
16:30:33 Steve Wade, MRWD
16:31:02 Chair Custer
16:33:41 Steve Wade, MRWD
16:34:23 Rep. Galloway
16:34:39 Steve Wade, MRWD

Closing by Sponsor:

16:35:45 Vice Chair Brewster

16:37:27 Rep. Kerns
16:38:28 Chair Custer

16:39:00 Recess
16:49:18 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 86

16:49:28 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **HB 86**.

Discussion:

- 16:49:53 Rep Fern
- 16:50:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.
- 16:51:35 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 86 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 16:51:53 Vice Chair Dunwell
- 16:52:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Thane and Rep. Trebas voting aye. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.
- 16:54:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey moved that **HB 86 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 106

- 16:54:45 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 106 DO PASS.**
- 16:54:58 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey made a substitute motion that **HB 106 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

- 16:55:41 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 123 DO PASS**
- 16:55:50 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson made a substitute motion that **HB 123 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 134

- 16:57:15 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 134 DO PASS.**
- 16:57:28 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson made a substitute motion that **HB 134 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 14-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Brewster, Rep. Dunwell and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.
- 16:59:18 Toni Henneman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:00:43

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh24aad.pdf](#))