

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Geraldine Custer, on February 9, 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 268, 2/4/2021; HB 269, 2/4/2021

**HEARING ON HB 269****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:23 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 269, Require elected official approval of sanitation related local health board rules.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:04:04 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Relators (MAR)  
15:06:39 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
15:07:48 Tom Stringham, Bitterroot Building Industry Association (BBIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:09:21 Shannon Therriault, Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA)

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

15:13:07 Rep. Hawk  
15:13:41 Rep. Marshall  
15:14:19 Rep. Gist  
15:14:47 Rep. Marshall  
15:15:25 Vice Chair Brewster  
15:15:55 Rep. Marshall  
15:19:00 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA  
15:21:09 Vice Chair Dunwell  
15:22:33 Shannon Therriault, MEHA  
15:24:20 Rep. Whitman  
15:25:12 Rep. Marshall  
15:25:42 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA  
15:27:03 Rep. Kortum  
15:29:21 Shannon Therriault, MEHA  
15:30:48 Rep. Thane  
15:33:03 Rep. Marshall  
15:34:03 Rep. Gunderson  
15:36:08 Shannon Therriault, MEHA  
15:36:20 Rep. Gunderson  
15:36:45 Rep. Marshall  
15:39:51 Rep. Fern  
15:40:15 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA  
15:40:47 Chair Custer  
15:42:46 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:43:14 Rep. Marshall

**HEARING ON HB 268****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:43:57 Rep. Bob Phalen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 268, Revise laws related to maintenance district assessments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:46:55 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
15:49:59 Dennis Zander, Dawson County

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

15:52:57 Rep. Trebas  
15:53:29 Eric Bryson, MACo  
15:54:17 Denis Zander, Dawson County  
15:55:12 Rep. Gist  
15:55:34 Eric Bryson, MACo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:55:54 Rep. Phalen  
  
15:56:12 Chair Custer  
  
15:56:49 Recess  
16:12:53 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 220**

16:13:06 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 220 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:13:21 Toni Henneman, Legislative Service Division (LSD)  
16:13:49 Rep. Fern  
16:14:10 Chair Custer  
16:14:30 Vice Chair Dunwell

16:14:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hawk voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 259**

16:15:23 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 259 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:16:17 Rep. Fern  
16:17:16 Rep. gunderson  
16:18:05 Rep. Galloway  
16:18:48 Rep. Whitman  
16:19:17 Rep. Kortum  
16:20:17 Rep. Kerns  
16:20:46 Vice Chair Brewster  
16:21:18 Chair Custer

16:22:52      **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Thane and Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Hawk voted by proxy.

16:24:22      Chair Custer

16:24:26      Toni Henneman, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:24:48

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Cristen Friede, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT**([loh27aad.pdf](#))