

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on February 16, 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. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

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 292, 2/2/2021; HB 304, 2/2/2021

15:00:00 Vice Chair Brewster assumed the chair

HEARING ON HB 304

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:06 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 304, Revise definition
of community land trust.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:14 Hermina Harold, Trust Montana Incorporated
15:05:43 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting
15:07:03 Jacob Kuntz, Habitat for Humanity
15:09:19 Mike Nugent, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:11:49 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 292

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:12:34 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 292, Revise local
subdivision review regarding title insurance procedure.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:42 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:17:11 Rep. Custer
15:17:37 Chair Custer resumes the chair
15:18:22 Vice Chair Dunwell

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 304

15:19:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 304 DO PASS**. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 292

15:20:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 292 DO PASS**. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269

15:21:32 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 269 DO PASS.**

15:21:48 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HB 269 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh32a01)

Discussion:

15:22:05 Rep. Trebas

15:22:35 Vice Chair Dunwell

15:23:11 Toni Henneman, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

15:24:22 Rep. Fern

15:25:04 Toni Henneman, LSD

15:26:01 Rep. Kortum

15:26:23 Toni Henneman, LSD

15:27:09 Rep. Fern

15:28:29 Toni Henneman, LSD

15:28:46 Rep. Galloway

15:30:39 Chair Custer

15:31:05 Rep. Gist

15:31:39 Chair Custer

15:32:56 Recess

15:47:31 Reconvene

15:47:50 Chair Custer

15:48:06 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kortum made a substitute motion that **HB 269 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Brewster, Rep. Custer, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy.

15:50:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy.

15:51:49 Rep Galloway

15:52:45 Rep. Thane

15:53:52 Rep. Dunwell

15:55:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Brewster, Rep. Custer, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

15:56:35 Chair Custer

ADJOURNMENT

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15:57:15

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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