

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on March 18, 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. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)
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: SB 238, 3/11/2021; SB 286, 3/11/2021; SB 346, 3/11/2021

15:01:35 Rep. Whitman joined the meeting
15:01:40 Rep. Hawk joined the meeting
15:01:54 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting
15:02:31 Rep. Galloway left the meeting

HEARING ON SB 286

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:10 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 286, Prohibit certain prescriptive easements in a platted subdivision.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:20 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:06:00 Sen. Hinebauch

HEARING ON SB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:06:59 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 346, Inflationary adjustments for prevailing wages.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:27 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:10:47 Adam Haight, Montana AFL CIO
15:14:36 John Forkan, Montana Building and Construction State Council (MBCS)
15:15:47 Jessca Wicks, Teamsters Local Number 2
15:16:48 Mick Wonnacott, Private and Public Employment Sector of Montana (PPESM)
15:20:08 Derek Hitt, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 2 (UBCL2)
15:20:37 Rep. Harvey joined the meeting
15:22:47 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electricians Local 44 (IBEL44)
15:23:55 Luke Hoffer, IBW Local 233
15:24:05 Rep. Galloway joined the meeting
15:24:13 Jim Larson, Teamsters Local Number 190
15:24:35 Eric Anderson, Teamsters Local Number 190

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:24 Rep. Gist
15:27:28 Mick Hitt, UBCL2

15:27:29 Rep. Fern
15:29:47 Adam Hights, Montana AFL CIO
15:32:02 Rep. Fern
15:32:28 Derek Hitt, UBCL2
15:33:11 Rep. Trebas
15:33:24 Derek Hitt, UBCL2

Closing by Sponsor:

15:34:57 Sen. Manzella

HEARING ON SB 238**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:38:39 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 238, Revise compensation for sheriffs, undersheriffs, and deputy sheriffs.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:40:59 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
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15:45:05 Sheriff Slaughter, Cascade County
15:47:23 Bradley Bragg, Lewis and Clark County Employees Association
15:48:50 Sheriff Holden, Rosebud County
15:50:09 Austin Nenou, Cascade County
15:51:24 Sheriff Dutton, Lewis and Clark County
15:52:12 Erin Foley, Teamsters Local Number 2
15:53:25 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
15:53:44 Scott Boulanger, The Association of Montana Troopers
15:54:12 Eric Anderson, Teamsters Local Number 190
15:54:51 Quint Nyman, Montana Federation of Public Employees

Opponents' Testimony:

15:55:59 Commissioner William Barron, Lake County
16:00:07 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

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

16:03:32 Rep. Gist
16:05:43 Sheriff Slaughter, Cascade County
16:07:00 Rep. Fern
16:10:41 Eric Bryson, MACo
16:11:36 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:13:11 Sheriff Dutton, Lewis and Clerk County
16:13:48 Rep. Harvey
16:14:16 Brian Thompson, MSPOA
16:15:11 Rep. Custer
16:17:37 Commissioner Barron, Lake County
16:18:02 Rep. Galloway
16:20:40 Rep. Whitman left the meeting

16:22:30 Sheriff Slaughter, Cascade County
 16:23:37 Rep. Gist
 16:24:43 Brian Thompson, MSPOA
 16:25:09 Rep. Thane
 16:25:38 Brian Thompson, MSPOA
 16:26:21 Rep. Fern
 16:27:14 Brian Thompson, MSPOA
 16:28:27 Rep. Custer
 16:29:09 Rep. Fleming left the meeting
 16:31:43 Eric Bryson, MACo
 16:32:36 Rep. Galloway
 16:32:58 Sheriff Slaughter, Cascade County
 16:33:35 Rep. Gist
 16:34:21 Brian Thompson, MSPOA
 16:35:26 Rep. Kerns
 16:36:12 Sheriff Slaughter, Cascade County
 16:37:41 Chair Brewster
 16:37:57 Rep. Harvey left the meeting
 16:38:12 Eric Bryson, MACo
 16:38:55 Rep. Custer
 16:39:55 Eric Bryson, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

16:41:06 Sen. Gauthier

 16:43:17 Recess
 16:52:58 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44

16:53:23 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **SB 44 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:53:36 Rep. Kerns
 16:55:13 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 16:55:50 Rep. Custer
 16:56:27 Rep. Kerns
 16:57:32 Rep. Thane
 16:57:43 Toni Henneman, LSD
 16:58:08 Rep. Galloway

16:58:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Whitman and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Galloway will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 171

16:59:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Custer moved that **SB 171 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Whitman and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Dooling will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:01:09

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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