

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on March 25, 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. 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)

Members Excused:

Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action SB 174, SB 238, SB 286, SB 294, SB 346

15:12:49 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting
15:13:07 Chair Custer
15:13:42 Toni Henneman, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
15:13:45 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting
15:16:21 Chair Custer
15:16:32 Rep. Fern
15:17:20 Vice Chair Brewster
15:19:41 Rep. Bertoglio
15:20:01 Rep. Hawk
15:20:34 Rep. Gist

15:21:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **THE STUDY BILL CL 3354 DO PASS.**
Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum voting no. Rep. Fleming,
Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Kerns voted by proxy.

15:23:03 Chair Custer
15:23:13 Toni Henneman, LSD

EXHIBIT(loh59a01)

15:28:38 Rep. Dunwell
15:29:51 Toni Henneman, LSD
15:30:14 Vice Chair Brewster

EXHIBIT(loh59a02)

EXHIBIT(loh59a03)

15:36:37 Rep. Fern
15:36:52 Toni Henneman, LSD
15:37:04 Chair Custer
15:37:17 Toni Henneman, LSD

EXHIBIT(loh59a04)

EXHIBIT(loh59a05)

15:39:43 Vice Chair Brewster
15:40:12 Rep. Fern
15:41:11 Chair Custer
15:41:47 Rep. Dunwell
15:42:10 Rep. Fern

15:42:48 Recess
16:06:38 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 174

16:06:44 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 174 DO PASS.**

16:07:19 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 174 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:07:40 Rep. Bertoglio

16:07:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Kerns voted by proxy.

16:08:53 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 174 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:09:11 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:09:54 Chair Custer
16:11:01 Rep. Fern
16:11:32 Rep. Bertoglio
16:12:18 Chair Custer
16:12:34 Vice Chair Dunwell

16:13:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Kerns voted by proxy. Rep. Bertoglio will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 238

16:14:52 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 238 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:14:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 238 BE AMENDED.** Motion failed 5-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Brewster, Rep. Custer, Rep. Gist and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galloway and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

16:16:49 Rep. Fern
16:17:49 Rep. Hawk
16:17:59 Rep. Gist
16:18:18 Vice Chair Brewster
16:19:28 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:20:06 Rep. Fern
16:20:29 Vice Chair Brewster
16:23:27 Chair Custer

16:24:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dooling will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 286

16:25:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 286 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Kerns voted by proxy. Rep. Fern will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 294

16:26:22 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 294 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:26:26 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 294 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:26:43 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:27:00 Chair Custer
16:27:09 Toni Henneman, LSD

16:29:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Kerns voted by proxy.

16:29:36 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 294 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:29:38 Vice Chair Dunwell
16:30:19 Chair Custer

16:31:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Kerns voted by proxy. Rep. Dooling will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 346

16:32:15 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 346 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:32:21 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hawk made a substitute motion that **SB 346 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 16-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Trebas voting no. Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Kerns voted by proxy.

16:34:58 Chair Custer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:35:22

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh59aad.pdf](#))