

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Geraldine Custer, on April 8, 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. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Coleen Street, 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: HJ 30, 4/5/2021; SB 269, 4/5/2021
Executive Action on: HJ 30; SB 269

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

- 14:55:36 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 269, Allow mobile home owners the option to purchase a mobile home park.
- 15:03:48 Rep. Hawk, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Harvey, and Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 15:15:06 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
- 15:16:52 Adrian Jawort, Montana Native Vote (MNV)
- 15:19:29 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Billings
- 15:21:21 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Board of Housing
- 15:23:36 Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana
- 15:25:38 Sheila Rice, self
- 15:27:05 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
- 15:27:48 Cindy Newman, self

Opponents' Testimony:

- 15:30:40 PJ McHugh, self
- [EXHIBIT\(loh67a01\)](#)

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

- 15:33:03 Rep. Kerns
- 15:34:24 Sen. Hoven
- 15:35:28 Rep. Kerns
- 15:36:13 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
- 15:36:41 Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana
- 15:37:23 Rep. Kerns
- 15:37:41 Sen. Hoven
- 15:38:58 Vice Chair Dunwell
- 15:39:07 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.
- 15:39:50 Sen. Hoven
- 15:40:45 Vice Chair Brewster
- 15:41:16 Sen. Hoven
- 15:41:47 Rep. Fern
- 15:43:47 Rep. Kerns left the meeting.
- 15:45:30 Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana
- 15:47:23 Rep. Galloway
- 15:49:35 Sen. Hoven
- 15:50:05 Rep. Kortum
- 15:50:33 Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana
- 15:51:01 Rep. Kortum
- 15:51:27 Sen. Hoven
- 15:52:14 Rep. Trebas
- 15:53:02 Sen. Hoven

15:53:48 Rep. Trebas
15:54:06 PJ McHugh, self
15:54:15 Rep. Kerns and Rep. Gunderson rejoined the meeting.
15:54:49 Rep. Kerns
15:55:34 Sen. Hoven
15:56:57 Rep. Galloway
15:58:53 Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana
15:59:04 Rep. Fern
16:00:21 Rep. Kerns
16:02:01 Kaia Peterson, NeighborWorks Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

16:04:19 Sen. Hoven

HEARING ON HJ 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:07:33 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HJ 30, Interim study of county water and/or sewer districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:08:35 Brian Thompson, Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)
16:09:02 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:10:05 Rep. Hawk

Closing by Sponsor:

16:10:31 Rep. Brewster

16:11:03 Rep. Gunderson
16:11:14 Rep. Trebas
16:11:26 Rep. Kerns
16:11:46 Rep. Fern

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 30

16:12:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brewster moved that **HJ 30 DO PASS**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote.

16:12:59 Rep. Brewster
16:13:04 Tori Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:13:27 Rep. Galloway
16:14:59 Tori Henneman, LSD
16:15:51 Rep. Kerns
16:16:18 Rep. Hawk

16:16:36 Toni Henneman, LSD
16:17:19 Rep. Kortum
16:18:01 Toni Henneman, LSD
16:19:21 Chair Custer
16:19:37 Toni Henneman, LSD
16:20:06 Chair Custer

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 269

16:20:41 **Motion:** Rep. Brewster moved that **SB 269 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:21:58 Rep. Kerns
16:22:57 Rep. Hawk
16:23:25 Toni Henneman, LSD
16:24:03 Rep. Fern
16:25:57 Chair Custer
16:28:05 Rep. Galloway
16:28:59 Rep. Kerns
16:32:29 Toni Henneman, LSD

16:32:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by roll call vote. Rep. Fern will carry the bill.

16:34:05 Toni Henneman, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:34:28

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh67aad.pdf](#))