

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on January 22, 2021 at 1:48 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Terry Gauthier, Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Monte Cole, 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 123, 1/20/2021

Executive Action: SB 80 - motion withdrawn

HEARING ON SB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

13:48:41 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB123, Allow a county to locate a county office outside of a county seat.

Proponents' Testimony:

13:50:32 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

13:53:16 Sen. Friedel
13:54:05 Mr. Bryson, MACo
13:54:41 Sen. Friedel
13:55:08 Mr. Bryson

Additional Proponents' Testimony

13:56:00 Pamela Holmquist, Kalispell

EXHIBIT(los15a01)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

13:57:22 Sen. Friedel
13:57:50 Sen. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

13:58:19 Sen Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80

13:59:29 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 80 DO PASS.**

13:59:46 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 80 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(los15a02)

Discussion:

14:00:13 Sen. Boldman
14:00:28 Chairman Gauthier
14:00:33 Toni Henneman
14:00:49 Sen. Boldman
14:01:07 Sen. Esp
14:01:31 Sen. Boldman
14:01:45 Chairman Gauthier
14:01:54 Sen. Esp withdrew his motions.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:01 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los15aad.pdf](#))