

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on January 29, 2021 at 1:56 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Terry Gauthier, Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman, Vice Chair (D)
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 Cordinor

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 135, 1/25/2021

HEARING ON SB 135**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

13:58:29 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB135, Allow a county commission to hold certain zoning appeal hearings de novo.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:02:25 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

14:03:27 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

14:04:11 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commission

EXHIBIT(los20a01)

14:06:39 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties

EXHIBIT(los20a02)**Opponents' Testimony:**

14:10:00 Kathleen McMahon, Whitefish

14:13:52 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center

14:17:50 Carolyn Craven, Great Falls

Additional Testimony Received:**EXHIBIT(los20a03)****Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:20:14 Sen. Esp
14:20:34 Ms. DePuy
14:21:04 Sen. Esp
14:21:21 Ms. DePuy
14:22:15 Sen. Esp
14:22:31 Sen. Fitzpatrick
14:23:24 Sen. Boland
14:23:51 Sen. Fitzpatrick
14:24:34 Sen. Boland
14:25:12 Sen. Fitzpatrick
14:25:45 Ms. DePuy
14:26:40 Sen. Boland
14:27:02 Chair Gauthier
14:27:30 Ms. DePuy
14:28:14 Sen. Boland
14:28:31 Sen. Morigeau
14:29:14 Ms. Depuy
14:29:50 Sen. Morigeau
14:29:58 Ms. Depuy
14:30:22 Sen. Pope
14:30:47 Ms. DePuy
14:31:12 Sen. Pope
14:33:07 Ms. DePuy

Closing by Sponsor:

14:34:41 Sen. Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:35 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los20aad.pdf](#))