

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on February 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Terry Gauthier, Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Ellie Boldman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Monte Cole, Remote Meeting Corrdinator

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:

Discussion on SB 165

Executive Action: SB 44 Do Pass As Amended; SB 161 Do Pass As Amended

Discussion on SB 165:

15:02:17 Eric Regensburger, hydrologist, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 15:04:32 Chair Gauthier
 15:04:54 John Rundquist, Helena
 15:05:28 Sen. Friedel
 15:06:43 Mr. Regensburger, DEQ
 15:11:27 Sen. Esp
 15:11:43 Mr. Rundquist
 15:12:43 Sen. Esp
 15:14:07 Mr. Regensburger
 15:17:02 Sen. Esp
 15:17:30 Mr. Regensburger
 15:18:32 Sen. Pope
 15:19:40 Mr. Regensburger
 15:22:53 Sen. Pope
 15:24:21 Mr. Regensburger
 15:27:48 Sen. Esp
 15:28:50 Mr. Regensburger
 15:29:26 Sen. Esp
 15:29:56 Chair Gauthier
 15:30:22 Mr. Regensburger
 15:31:13 Sen. Pope
 15:32:14 Mr. Regensburger
 15:34:28 Sen. Esp

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44

15:35:14 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 44 DO PASS.**
 15:37:16 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 44 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(los28a01\)](#)

Discussion:

15:37:38 Sen Pope
 15:37:51 Sen. Esp
 15:38:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy.
 15:39:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 44 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 161

15:40:32 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 161 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:41:47 Chair Gauthier
 15:42:04 Sen. Pope

15:42:49 Chair Gauthier
 15:43:11 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 15:43:36 Sen. Esp
 15:43:43 Chair Gauthier

15:43:59 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **SB 161 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(los28a02\)](#)

Discussion:

15:44:08 Ms. Henneman, LSD
 15:45:04 Sen. Esp

15:45:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy.

15:46:09 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 161 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:46:19 **Motion:** Sen. Pope moved that **SB 161 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(los28a03\)](#)

Discussion:

15:46:45 Sen. Pope
 15:48:52 Sen. Esp
 15:49:30 Sen. Pope
 15:50:29 Sen. Esp

15:50:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy.

15:51:36 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 161 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:51:48 Sen. Boland
 15:52:07 Ms. Henneman

15:52:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy.

15:52:58 Sen. Esp
 15:53:24 Chair Gauthier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

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Additional Documents:

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