

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on February 24, 2021 at 3:00 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
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 257, 2/17/2021; HB 220, 2/17/2021

HEARING ON HB 220

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:28 Rep. Brian Putnam (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB220, Allow special district to receive funds from federal revenue sharing programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:28 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
[EXHIBIT\(los39a01\)](#)

15:08:29 Todd Devlin, past president, MACo; chairman, National Association of Counties, Federal Land Payments committee

15:14:50 Jerry Bennett, commissioner, Lincoln County

15:16:10 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(los39a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:43 Sen. Friedel
15:18:02 Mr. Rittal, MACo
15:19:22 Sen. Friedel
15:19:49 Mr. Rittal
15:20:22 Sen. Friedel
15:21:02 Mr. Rittal
15:21:47 Sen. Friedel
15:22:14 Mr. Rittal
15:22:37 Sen. Friedel
15:22:54 Sen. Boland
15:23:39 Mr. Rittal
15:23:48 Sen. Boland
15:24:09 Mr. Rittal
15:24:55 Sen. Boland
15:25:26 Mr. Rittal
15:26:15 Sen. Boland
15:26:29 Mr. Rittal
15:26:57 Sen. Morigeau
15:27:26 Mr. Rittal

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:12 Rep. Putnam

HEARING ON SB 257

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:29:45 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB257, Prohibit local governments from imposing carbon penalties, fees, or taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:31:02 Shelby DeMars Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

15:33:06 Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council

15:34:34 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Dakota Utilities Resources; also speaking for Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association and Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

EXHIBIT(los39a03)

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(los39a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:37:03 John MacDonald, City of Missoula; City of Bozeman

15:39:04 Whitner Chase, Montana Conservation Voters

15:39:45 Ruben Castren, Montana Public Interest Research Group

15:41:40 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable Energy Association

15:42:38 Lori Byron, Hardin

EXHIBIT(los39a05)

15:45:44 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

15:47:56 Juanita Vero, Missoula County

EXHIBIT(los39a06)

15:50:49 Terry Cunningham, City of Bozeman

15:53:22 Carmen Borchelt, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(los39a07)

15:54:25 Lucy Hochschartner, Sunrise Movement Gallatin Valley

Additional Testimony Received :

EXHIBIT(los39a08)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:57:08 Sen. Friedel

15:57:28 Sen. Small

15:57:56 Sen. Pope

15:59:05 Sen. Small

16:00:08 Sen. Pope

16:01:46 Sen. Small

Closing by Sponsor:

16:02:45 Sen. Small

Committee Business:

16:03:32 Chair Gauthier

16:03:38 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division

16:04:18 Chair Gauthier

16:04:41 Sen. Boland

16:05:03 Sen. Morigeau

16:05:29 Sen. Pope

16:05:58 Chair Gauthier

16:06:08 Sen. Fitzpatrick

16:06:37 Chair Gauthier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:06 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los39aad.pdf](#))