

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on March 17, 2021 at 3:17 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. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
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. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Heather Vane-Sandt, 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: HB 444, 3/12/2021

Executive Action: HB 255

Discussion:

15:18:16 Chair Gauthier
 15:18:59 Sen. Boland
 15:19:08 Chair Gauthier
 15:19:14 Sen. Esp
 15:19:21 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 255

15:19:40 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 255 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:19:50 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 255 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

15:21:17 Sen. Friedel
 15:23:23 Sen. Pope
 15:23:57 Sen. Esp
 15:24:25 Sen. Boland

15:24:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Boldman and Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

15:25:49 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 255 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:26:44 Sen. Friedel
 15:27:27 President Blasdel entered the meeting.
 15:27:40 Sen. Esp
 15:27:59 Sen. Friedel
 15:28:15 Sen. Boldman entered the meeting.
 15:28:33 Sen. Morigeau
 15:28:55 Sen. Pope
 15:29:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Friedel will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 444

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:50 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB444, Revise subdivisions of land exempted from sanitation in subdivision review.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:48 John Sinrud, citizen
 15:34:47 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

15:35:21 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:36:17 Kevin Smith, Water Quality Division bureau chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:44 Sen. Pope

15:37:33 Mr. Smith, DEQ

15:38:49 Sen. Pope

15:39:35 Rep. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

15:39:56 Rep. Buttrey

15:41:16 Chair Gauthier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 1:42 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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