

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on March 19, 2021 at 2:29 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. 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
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:

Executive Action:

HB 259 - Be Concurred In

HB 444 - Be Concurred In As Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 259

14:30:00 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 259 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:30:10 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pope made a substitute motion that **HB 259 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Pope voting aye. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

14:31:57 **Motion:** Sen. Morigeau moved that **HB 259 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(los55a01)

Discussion:

14:32:21 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division

14:32:26 President Blasdel entered the meeting.

14:33:52 Sen. Morigeau

14:36:50 Sen. Esp

14:37:08 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

14:37:12 Sen. Friedel

14:37:50 Sen. Morigeau

14:39:31 Sen. Friedel

14:40:05 Sen. Morigeau

14:41:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Pope voting aye. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

Discussion:

14:42:40 Sen. Boldman

14:44:49 Sen. Pope

14:49:47 Sen. Morigeau

14:51:39 Sen. Friedel

14:52:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Pope voting no. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Glimm will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 444

14:53:28 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 444 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:54:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 444 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth was excused.

EXHIBIT(los55a02)

14:54:25

Motion/Vote: Sen. Esp moved that **HB 444 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Friedel will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:55 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los55aad.pdf](#))