

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on March 26, 2021 at 2:43 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)

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 Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 388, 3/22/2021

Executive Action: HB 269 - Be Tabled

HB 450 - Be Concurred in as Amended (not reported out of committee)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269**Discussion:**

14:45:38 Sen. Esp
14:47:26 Chair Gauthier

14:47:43 Brief Recess
14:58:51 Reconvene

14:58:52 Sen. Esp
14:59:17 Toni Henneman, Legislative Service Division
15:00:52 Sen. Esp
15:00:59 Chair Gauthier
15:01:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:01:18 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 269 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:01:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 269 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Ellsworth were excused.

EXHIBIT(los60a01)

15:01:54 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 269 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:02:03 Sen. Morigeau
15:03:04 Sen. Esp
15:03:22 Sen. Boldman

15:03:38 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Friedel and Sen. Gauthier voting aye. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

15:04:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Morigeau moved that **HB 269 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Ellsworth were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 450

15:04:56 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 450 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:05:05 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 450 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(los60a02)**Discussion:**

15:05:20 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:06:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Ellsworth were excused.

15:06:28 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 450 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

15:06:33 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 450 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY.**

Discussion:

15:06:49 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division

15:07:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

15:08:00 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 450 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:08:12 Sen. Pope

15:09:27 Sen. Esp

15:09:35 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:09:53 Sen. Esp

15:10:33 Sen. Pope

15:11:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill. (bill was not reported out of committee)

HEARING ON SB 388

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:12:22 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB388, Provide for infrastructure through tax increment financing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:00 Mark Taylor, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

15:14:32 Mike Green, HDAM

[**EXHIBIT\(los60a03\)**](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:21:03 Aaron Rudio, D.A. Davidson

15:22:15 Jim Kambich, chief of staff, City-County of Butte Silver Bow

15:24:09 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association, also speaking on behalf of the Montana Federation of Public Employees

[**EXHIBIT\(los60a04\)**](#)

15:26:02 Chris Behan, City of Missoula

15:29:12 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

[**EXHIBIT\(los60a05\)**](#)

15:32:18 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

[**EXHIBIT\(los60a06\)**](#)

15:35:01 Wyeth Friday, City of Billings

15:38:32 Austin Trunkle, Big Sky Economic Development Association

15:39:12 Brit Fontenot, City of Bozeman

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(los60a07\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:06 Sen. Pope
15:41:06 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
15:43:35 Sen. Esp
15:44:17 Mr. Green, HDAM
15:45:28 Sen. Esp
15:45:43 Mr. Behan Missoula
15:46:29 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

15:47:12 Sen. Hertz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:48 PM

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los60aad.pdf](#))