

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Terry Gauthier, on March 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the room:**

Sen. Terry Gauthier, Chair (R)  
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Carlie Boland (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ellie Boldman, Vice Chair (D)  
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 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 397, 3/26/2021

**HEARING ON SB 397**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:07:35 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB397, Generally revise laws related to accessory dwelling units.

**[EXHIBIT\(los61a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:21:46 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors; also speaking on behalf of the Montana Building Industry Association

15:42:12 Adam Hertz, realtor, Missoula

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:25:40 SK Rossi, City of Bozeman

15:30:52 Wyeth Friday, City of Billings

**[EXHIBIT\(los61a02\)](#)**

15:33:38 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties, also speaking on behalf of Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

**[EXHIBIT\(los61a03\)](#)**

15:38:50 Andrew Hagemeyer, Montana Association of Planners

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:45:05 Sen. Esp

15:51:27 Sen. Hertz

15:51:54 Chair Gauthier

15:52:05 Sen. Hertz

15:52:16 Chair Gauthier

15:52:58 Ms. Rossi, Bozeman

15:54:49 Chair Gauthier

15:55:25 Ms. Rossi

15:56:25 Sen. Pope

16:07:52 Sen. Hertz

16:08:51 Sen. Pope

16:09:21 Chair Gauthier

16:09:39 Sen. Hertz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:10:12 Sen. Hertz

**Committee Business:**

16:14:14 Sen. Gauthier

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:14 PM

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Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los61aad.pdf](#))**