

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on April 1, 2021 at 12:06 P.M., in Room 422 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. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Jessica Tsias, 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: SB 385 - Do Pass as Amended; SB 388 - Do Pass as Amended; SB 397 - Tabled

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 388

- 12:07:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 388 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman and Sen. Pope voting no. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau were excused.
- 12:08:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION ON SB 388.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Pope voting no. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy.
- 12:10:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 388 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Pope voting no. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy. (bill was previously amended on 03/31/2021)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 385

- 12:10:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 385 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman and Sen. Pope voting no. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau were excused.
- 12:11:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 385 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Pope voting no. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy. (bill was previously amended on 03/31/2021)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 397

- 12:12:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 397 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Esp and Sen. Pope voting no. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau were excused.
- 12:14:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 397 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Gauthier voting aye. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy. (bill was previously amended on 03/31/2021)
- 12:16:12 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 397 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

- 12:16:21 Sen. Boldman
 12:16:33 Chair Gauthier
 12:16:43 Sen. Esp
 12:16:57 Chair Gauthier

- 12:17:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voting no. Sen. Friedel and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:18 PM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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