

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on April 14, 2021 at 3:39 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
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: HB 694, 4/12/2021

HEARING ON HB 694**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:40:06 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB694, Revise laws related to special districts.

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Proponents' Testimony:

15:41:23 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:45:29 Brian Thompson, Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)

15:49:29 Cheryl Grey, Department of Administration

Informational Testimony:

15:50:40 Dan Clark, Local Government Center, Montana State University

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:51:03 Sen. Esp

15:51:30 Mr. Thompson, MRWS

15:51:50 Sen. Esp

15:52:22 Mr. Rittal, MACo

15:33:07 Sen. Esp

15:53:18 Rep. Gist

15:56:06 Chair Gauthier

15:56:42 Rep. Gist

15:57:36 Chair Gauthier

15:57:39 Rep. Gist

15:58:10 Sen. Pope

15:58:39 Mr. Thompson

15:59:08 Sen. Pope

15:59:51 Mr. Thompson

16:00:45 Sen. Pope

16:01:43 Mr. Thompson

16:02:29 Sen. Esp

16:02:52 Mr. Rittal

16:03:12 Sen. Esp

16:01:15 Mr. Rittal

16:03:44 Sen. Esp

16:04:22 Mr. Rittal

16:05:17 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:06:01 Sen. Esp

16:06:16 Ms. Henneman

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:17 Rep. Gist

Committee Business:

16:09:35 Chair Gauthier

16:09:39	Sen. Esp
16:09:53	Chair Gauthier
16:10:30	Sen. Esp
16:11:34	Ms. Henneman, LSD
16:12:17	Sen. Pope
16:12:34	Rep. Gist
16:12:47	Sen. Boldman
16:13:01	Sen. Esp
16:13:17	Chair Gauthier
16:13:25	Sen. Boland
16:13:43	Sen. Esp
16:14:02	Sen. Boland
16:14:32	Ms. Henneman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:26 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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