

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on January 03, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 472

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Larry Brewster, Chair (R)  
Rep. Marta Bertoglio, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mark Thane (D)

**Staff Present:** LuCinda Blair, Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Research Analyst

**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 113 12/22/2022

Executive Action:

HB 113 DO PASS

**Committee Introductions:**

15:02:49 Bob Tipton, Sergeant at Arms  
15:04:50 Rep. Larry Brewster  
15:05:18 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
15:06:15 Rep. Laurie Bishop  
15:06:45 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger  
15:07:22 Rep. Katie Zolnikov  
15:07:30 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
15:07:48 Rep. Jennifer Lynch  
15:07:58 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
15:08:06 Rep. Steven Galloway  
15:09:41 Rep. Steve Gist  
15:10:12 Rep. Scot Kerns  
15:10:39 Rep. Sherry Essmann  
15:11:07 Rep. Linda Reksten  
15:12:09 Rep. Marta Bertoglio  
15:12:34 Rep. Larry Brewster  
15:13:30 Laura Sankey Keip  
15:14:09 Jamie Van Valkenburg  
15:15:06 Rep. Larry Brewster

**Additional Introductions:**

15:15:18 Roman Zylawy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
15:16:32 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
15:17:32 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:18:14 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)  
15:19:56 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)  
15:20:00 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
15:20:53 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish  
15:21:25 Rachel Coen, Montana Farm Bureau

**Committee Discussion:**

15:22:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bertoglio moved to adopt committee rules.  
15:23:04 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved to amend the rules.  
**Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Cohenour, voting no.  
15:23:40 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
15:24:30 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger  
15:24:40 Rep. Larry Brewster  
15:24:52 Rep. Steven Galloway  
15:26:00 Rep. Mark Thane  
15:28:40 Rep. Laurie Bishop  
15:31:34 Rep. Scot Kerns  
15:32:53 Laura Sankey Keip  
15:33:04 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
15:33:20 Laura Sankey Keip  
15:34:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Cohenour moved to allow the use of proxy votes.  
**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
15:36:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bertoglio motion to adopt the rules as twice amended.  
**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Committee Discussion:**

15:36:42 Rep. Larry Brewster  
15:41:20 Rep. Steve Gist  
15:47:35 Laura Sankey Keip  
15:48:44 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

**HEARING ON HB 113 - Repeal licensing of hucksters**

**Opening Statement:**

15:49:27 Rep. Greg Kmetz (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 113, Repeal licensing of hucksters.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:51:46 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
08:56:03 Rachel Coen, Montana Farm Bureau  
15:53:10 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture  
15:55:37 Christy Clark, Montana Department of Agriculture

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:57:02 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
15:57:27 Rep. Greg Kmetz-R  
15:57:50 Rep. Scot Kerns  
15:58:16 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

**Closing Statement:**

15:58:41 Rep. Greg Kmetz (R), HD 38, closed the hearing on HB 113.

15:59:19                    **Recessed**

16:06:34                    **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 113 - Repeal licensing of hucksters**

16:07:03            **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 113 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:07:27

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LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230103LOHaad\)](#)