

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on January 12, 2023 at 3:08 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. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

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 20 01/06/2023
HB 176 01/06/2023
HB 187 01/06/2023

Executive Action:

HB 33 DO PASS
HB 32 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 187 - Establish that child care is a residential use of property

Opening Statement:

15:08:41 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 187, Establish that child care is a residential use of property.

Proponent Testimony:

15:12:11 Ella Smith, Montana Advocates for Children (MAC)

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15:16:33 Kelly Rosenleaf, Self

15:18:29 Tracy Moseman, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:20:11 Caitlin Jensen, Zero to Five Montana

15:22:52 Tori Sproles, Child Care Connections (CCC)

Opponent Testimony:

15:25:19 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:32:09 Rep. Scot Kerns

15:32:34 Rep. Alice Buckley

15:35:14 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS

15:36:07 Rep. Steve Gist

15:38:10 Rep. Jill Cohenour

15:38:19 Kelly Rosenleaf

15:42:20 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

15:42:21 Sam Sill, MAR

15:44:58 Rep. Linda Reksten

15:47:50 Ella Smith, MAC
15:48:45 Rep. Mark Thane
15:48:50 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
15:50:28 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe
15:52:10 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
15:53:53 Rep. Steven Galloway
15:54:02 Tori Sproles, CCC

Closing Statement:

16:01:28 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, closed the hearing on HB 187.

HEARING ON HB 20 - Appropriation for the MSU Local Government Center

Opening Statement:

16:03:41 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 20, Appropriation for the MSU Local Government Center.

Proponent Testimony:

16:07:15 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
16:08:53 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)
16:10:45 Allen Hulse, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)
16:12:15 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish
16:12:59 Roy Rost, Fallon County Commissioner

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:13:46 Dan Clark, Montana State University Local Government Center

Questions from Committee:

16:14:06 Rep. Steve Gist
16:14:12 Allen Hulse, MMIA
16:14:35 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:14:39 Dan Clark, MSU
16:18:29 Rep. Kelly Kortum
16:20:47 Rep. Steven Galloway
16:22:41 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

Closing Statement:

16:25:39 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 20.

HEARING ON HB 176 - Revising county utility permitting laws

Opening Statement:

16:27:17 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 176, Revising county utility permitting laws.

Proponent Testimony:

16:29:20 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
16:32:12 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commission
16:35:39 Jeff Feiss, Broadband Montana

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

16:37:24 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 176.

16:38:17 **Recessed**

16:51:40 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 33 - Allow county commissioners to initiate certain civil proceedings

16:51:52 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 33 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 32 - Allow additional local government entity board training by petition

16:52:46 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 32 DO PASS.**

16:53:39 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 32 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:55:13 Rep. Jill Cohenour

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:56:46 **Motion:** Rep. Steve Gist moved that **HB 32 BE AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:58:09 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 32 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:57:59 Rep. Kelly Kortum

16:58:47 Rep. Steve Gunderson

16:59:37 Rep. Steve Gist

17:00:24 Rep. Steven Galloway

17:00:54 Rep. Jill Cohenour

17:01:23 Rep. Larry Brewster

Vote: Motion failed 15 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum, voting yes.

17:05:08

Motion: Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 32 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:05:56

LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112LOHaad\)](#)