

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on January 17, 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. 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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Scot Kerns (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 198 01/12/2023

HB 215 01/12/2023

HB 211 01/13/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 211 - Revise the local subdivision review process**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:56 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 211, Revise the local subdivision review process.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:06:23 Alan McCormick, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
15:17:43 Glen Oppel, Policy Director for Governor's Office  
15:18:45 Cory Shaw, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
15:19:19 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
15:20:09 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula  
15:22:03 Charles Lapp, Self

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:23:05 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
15:27:09 Anne Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:29:29 Rep. Steve Gunderson  
15:29:38 Anne Schwend, MEIC  
15:30:29 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
15:30:54 Alan McCormick, MAR  
15:32:53 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
15:37:56 Karen Alley, MACo  
15:39:01 Rep. Steven Galloway  
15:39:28 Sam Sill, MAR

15:46:12 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

**Closing Statement:**

15:47:36 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, closed the hearing on HB 211.

**HEARING ON HB 198 - Provide for municipal authority regarding encroachments**

**Opening Statement:**

15:50:43 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 198, Provide for municipal authority regarding encroachments.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:53:15 Edward Howick, Townsend Hardware

15:56:33 Robin Turner, City of Whitefish

15:57:32 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

15:58:44 Charles Robison, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:59:50 Ryan Dahlke, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:00:46 Rep. Steve Gunderson

16:01:16 Ryan Dahlke, MDT

16:02:32 Rep. Jill Cohenour

**Closing Statement:**

16:04:11 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 198.

**HEARING ON HB 215 - Revise the definition of the governing body of a local health board**

**Opening Statement:**

16:15:19 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 215, Revise the definition of the governing body of a local health board.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:16:42 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

16:17:38 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commission

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:20:58 Rep. Jill Cohenour

16:21:30 Eric Bryson, MACo

16:23:59 Rep. David Bedey-R

**Closing Statement:**

16:26:00 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 215.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:28:51

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LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117LOHaad\)](#)