

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on January 19, 2023 at 3:03 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:

Executive Action:

HB 176 DO PASS
HB 198 DO PASS
HB 20 DO PASS

Committee Discussion:

15:04:33 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
15:10:11 Rep. Steve Gist
15:15:11 Rep. Scot Kerns
15:17:47 Rep. Laurie Bishop
15:19:23 Rep. Sherry Essmann
15:20:14 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
15:23:15 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe
15:32:26 Rep. Larry Brewster
15:39:03 Rep. Steven Galloway
15:45:03 Greg Doyon, Great Falls City Manager

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 176 - Revising county utility permitting laws

15:59:15 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 176 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:59:35 Rep. Steven Galloway

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 198 - Provide for municipal authority regarding encroachments

16:00:34 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 198 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20 - Appropriation for the MSU Local Government Center

16:01:51 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 20 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:02:04 Rep. Steve Gist

16:02:22 Rep. Jill Cohenour

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:08:43

LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230119LOHaad\)](#)