

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on January 26, 2023 at 3:00 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. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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 246 01/18/2023

SB 5 01/24/2023

SB 98 01/24/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 98 - Revise the jurisdiction area of municipal health boards

Opening Statement:

15:03:07 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 98, Revise the jurisdiction area of municipal health boards.

Proponent Testimony:

15:04:32 Karen Ally, MACo

15:07:42 Pamela Holmquist, Flathead County Commissioner

15:12:02 Rep. Scot Kerns joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:09:41 Rep. Kelly Kortum

15:09:44 Karen Alley

Closing Statement:

15:10:00 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 98.

HEARING ON SB 5 - Remove requirement for a county to publish public notice in an adjacent county

Opening Statement:

15:10:24 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, opened the hearing on SB 5, Remove requirement for a county to publish public notice in an adjacent county.

Proponent Testimony:

15:13:52 Debi Randolph, Broadwater County Commissioner

15:17:00 Karen Alley, MACo

15:18:36 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:19:19 Rep. Jill Cohenour

15:19:20 Karen Alley

15:22:32 Rep. Jennifer Lynch

15:22:34 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell-D

Closing Statement:

15:23:54 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, closed the hearing on SB 5.

HEARING ON HB 246 - Allow for the zoning of tiny dwelling units

Opening Statement:

15:25:35 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 246, Allow for the zoning of tiny dwelling units.

Proponent Testimony:

15:27:17 Kelly Lynch, MACo

15:28:22 Madison Grady, MAR

15:29:19 Adrienne Cotton, AARP Mt

15:31:11 Karen Alley, MACo

15:31:40 Ann Schwind, MEIC

15:32:27 Cary Hegreberg, CEO, Mt Bankers Association
15:33:43 Ethan Hanley, Associated Students of UM
15:34:23 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish
15:35:06 Ashley Martinez, Cotton Construction

Opponent Testimony:

15:36:26 Josh Wallery, Mt Manufactured Housing Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:38:50 Rep. Steven Galloway
15:38:58 Rep. Scot Kerns-R
15:39:37 Karen Alley Associate General Counsel of Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
15:40:31 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:41:08 Cary Hegreberg
15:41:57 Josh Wallery Mt MHA
15:43:55 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:45:19 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:45:23 Kelly Lynch Executive Director of Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)
15:46:24 Rep. Steven Galloway
15:46:26 Kelly Lynch Executive Director of Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

Closing Statement:

15:47:15 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 246.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:15:45

LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230126LOHaad\)](#)