

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on January 31, 2023 at 3:18 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. 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)

Excused: Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
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 and Date Posted:

SB 103 1/28/2023

HB 262 1/28/2023

HB 337 1/28/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 103 – Revise airport courtesy car insurance requirements

Opening Statement:

15:20:00 Senator Becky Beard (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 103, Revise airport courtesy car insurance requirements.

Proponent Testimony:

15:22:40 Jerome Cain, Lincoln Airport Foundation

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:24:14 Tim Conway, Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division (MDT)

Questions from Committee:

15:24:50 Rep. Linda Reksten

15:25:07 Tim Conway, MDT

Closing Statement:

15:26:20 Senator Becky Beard (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 103.

HEARING ON HB 262 – Revise local government financial reporting and audit requirements

Opening Statement:

15:27:15 Representative Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 262, Revise local government financial reporting and audit requirements.

Proponent Testimony:

15:31:20 Todd Devlin, Prairie County Commission

15:35:30 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:49:15 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

15:49:45 Dan Ellison, Jefferson County Commission
15:50:01 Bob Gilbert, Cities of Colstrip and Glendive and Rosebud, Musselshell and Phillips Counties
15:50:30 Robin Turner, City of Whitefish

Opponent Testimony:

15:51:06 Chet McLean, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (GOV) and Chet McLean, P.C.
15:57:20 Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration (DOA)
15:58:02 John Iverson, Montana Society of CPAs

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:59:20 Barb Quinn, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:59:45 Danielle Vincent, Department of Administration Local Services Bureau (DOA)
16:00:00 Nancy Everson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Questions from Committee:

16:00:22 Rep. Scot Kerns
16:00:50 Chet McLean, GOV
16:01:50 Rep. Mark Thane
16:03:02 Rep. Steven Galloway
16:04:35 Rep. Jill Cohenour
16:04:57 Jason Rittal, MACo
16:06:41 Rep. Steve Gist
16:07:05 Misty Ann Giles, DOA
16:09:42 Cheryl Grey, State Financial Services Division (SFSD)

Closing Statement:

16:11:42 Representative Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, closed the hearing on HB 262.
16:14:15 **Recessed**
16:16:00 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 337 – Revise municipal zoning laws to prohibit certain minimum lot sizes

Opening Statement:

16:16:06 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 337, Revise municipal zoning laws to prohibit certain minimum lot sizes.

Proponent Testimony:

16:24:54 Kendal Cotton, Frontier Institute
16:28:10 Nolan Gray, California YIMBY
16:32:05 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish
16:34:09 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity Montana
16:37:24 Jesse Ramos, Self
16:41:00 Mark Egge, Self
16:42:45 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
16:44:13 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association
16:45:17 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
16:47:46 Glenn Fowler, Self
16:48:38 Caterina Colluci, Self
16:49:07 Caelan Milligan, Self
16:50:00 Ethan Hanley, Associates Students of University of Montana (ASUM)
16:50:38 Sandra Vasecka, Missoula City Council
16:51:00 Cody Hubman, Self
16:52:02 Danny Tenenbaum, Self

Opponent Testimony:

16:52:19 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)
16:58:09 Chris Hindoien, Mayor of Choteau
17:01:20 Robin Turner, City of Whitefish
17:03:08 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip
17:05:19 Ed Meece, City of Polson
17:08:35 Jason Karp, City of Belgrade
17:10:30 Andrew Hagemeyer, Montana Association of Planners
17:14:18 Wyeth Friday, City of Billings

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:17:33 Emily Hamilton, Housing Task Force

Questions from Committee:

17:18:44 Rep. Steve Gist
17:19:05 Kendal Cotton, Frontier Institute
17:21:55 Rep. Kelly Kortum
17:22:20 Ed Meece, Polson
17:22:58 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe
17:25:20 Rep. Steven Galloway
17:26:05 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT
17:27:06 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
17:28:35 Chair Larry Brewster
17:28:55 Laura Sankey Keip
17:29:26 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
17:30:50 Rep. Mark Thane
17:32:50 Jason Karp, Belgrade

Closing Statement:

17:34:50 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 337.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:42:14

LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: EXHIBIT(230131LOH)

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