MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on February 14, 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 Essman (R)
	Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
	Rep. Steve Gist (R)
	Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
	Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
	Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
	Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
	Rep. Mark Thane (D)
	Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)
Excused:	Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
	Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
	Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (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:
    HB 413 02/11/2023

Executive Action:
    HB 291 DO PASS
    HB 295 DO PASS
    HB 299 DO PASS
    HB 323 BE TABLED

HEARING ON HB 413 – Repeal laws of preemption of local government on auxiliary containers

Opening Statement:

15:01:00   Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 413, Repeal laws of preemption of local government on auxiliary containers.

Proponent Testimony:

15:06:33   Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

15:08:24   Isaac Cheek, Cottonwood Environmental Law Center (CELC)

15:11:20   Tom Waldorf, Gallatin Valley Beyond Plastics

15:14:03   Matthew Passini, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:16:40   Youpa Stein, Self

15:19:23   June Safford, Self

15:23:20   Liz Ametsbichler, Self

15:25:35   Jeremy Drake, Self

15:27:30   Teresa Quatraro, Self

15:32:50   Heidi Noyes, Self

15:36:35   Katie Harrison, Self

15:39:45   Gwen Jones, Missoula City Council

15:42:18   Connie Campbell-Pearson, Self

15:43:20   Kat Elam, Forward Montana

15:44:18   Mike Lilly, Cottonwood Environmental Law Center (CELC)

15:46:20   Natalie Meyer, City of Bozeman

Opponent Testimony:

15:48:20   Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA)

15:50:10   Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Operators (MPMCSA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:52:48	Rep. Scot Kerns
15:54:00	Rep. Ed Stafman
15:47:30	Rep. Mark Thane
15:58:15	Brad Griffin, MRA
15:59:55	Rep. Steven Galloway
16:02:00	Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
16:03:30	Natalie Meyer, Bozeman
16:04:30	Rep. Kelly Kortum
16:05:30	Rep. Steve Gist
16:05:53	Brad Longcake, MPMCSA

Closing Statement:

16:06:30 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, closed the hearing on HB 413.

16:11:30 **Recessed**

16:30:10 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 291 – Revise local government investment laws

16:30:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 291 DO PASS**.

    Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 295 – Revise nepotism laws relating to small communities

16:32:01 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 295 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:32:45 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:33:20 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

    Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 299 – Revise resolution and ordinance requirements re: land use regulation enforcement

16:34:25   **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 299 DO PASS**.

                Vote: Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 323 – Revise laws related to child protective teams

16:35:40   **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 323 DO PASS**.

16:36:10   **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Scot Kerns moved that **HB 323 BE TABLED**.

                Vote: Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:36:58

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LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: EXHIBIT(230214LOH)