

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Larry Brewster-R, on February 21, 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. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

**Excused:** Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
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 and Date Posted:

HB 465 2/18/2023

HB 483 2/18/2023

HB 534 2/18/2013

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 465 – Revise local government acceptable uses of building permit fees**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:45 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 465, Revise local government acceptable uses of building permit fees.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:06:27 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)  
15:09:30 Sam Forstag, City of Missoula  
15:10:05 Robin Turner, City of Whitefish  
15:10:23 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish  
15:10:55 Mike Nugent, Self  
15:12:33 Adam Hertz, Self  
15:14:00 Jessica Fust, City of Billings

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:15:45 Aaron Bowman, Self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:17:35 Eric Copeland, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:18:15 Rep. Steve Gist  
15:18:30 Aaron Bowman, Self  
15:21:15 Rep. Laurie Bishop  
15:21:45 Adam Hertz, Self  
15:23:57 Rep. Mark Thane  
15:24:45 Mike Nugent, Self  
15:25:54 Rep. Jennifer Lynch  
15:26:12 Thomas Jodoin, MTLCT  
15:28:25 Rep. Steven Galloway  
15:31:25 Eric Copeland, DLI  
15:38:25 Rep. Kelly Kortum

**Closing Statement:**

15:42:50 Rep. Jonathon Karlen (D), HD 96, closed the hearing on HB 465.

**HEARING ON HB 483 – Generally revise land survey laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:46:00 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 483, Generally revise land survey laws

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:47:25 Matthew D. Morris, Self

15:50:27 Brian Thompson, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)

15:51:53 Adrienne Cotton, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:52:23 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:58:33 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

16:02:20 Bill Berg, Park County Commission

16:05:45 Sean O'Callaghan, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:09:50 Rep. Steve Gist

16:10:15 Bill Berg, Park County

**Closing Statement:**

16:11:33 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 483.

**HEARING ON HB 534 – Revise collections limit for actions brought before city court**

**Opening Statement:**

16:13:00 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 534, Revise collections limit for actions brought before city court.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:17:12 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

16:19:33 Steve Turkiewicz, City of Billings

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:21:20 Rep. Steve Gist

16:22:10 Thomas Jodoin, MTLCT

16:23:50 Rep. Scot Kerns

16:24:58 Rep. Mike Yakawich

16:29:15 Rep. Sherry Essmann

16:31:50 Rep. Steven Galloway

**Closing Statement:**

16:32:50 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, closed the hearing on HB 534.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:37:40

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LuCinda Blair, Secretary

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