

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

Call to Order: Chair Marta Bertoglio-R, on April 06, 2023 at 4:03 PM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Marta Bertoglio, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (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. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Staff Present: Heather Kellum, 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:

SB 301
SB 330
SB 331
SB 358

16:04:31 **Committee Discussion:** Discuss amendments

16:04:36 Laura Sankey Keip

16:05:56 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

16:07:09 **Recessed**

16:08:06 Rep. Seekins-Crowe has arrived

16:15:04 Rep. Kerns has arrived

16:15:10 Chair Brewster has arrived

16:15:39 **Reconvened**

16:15:58 Rep. Brewster assumed the Chair

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 301 - Revise property laws related to lakeshore regulations

16:16:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 301 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:36:12 To draft study bill to present to committee

16:16:17 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:17:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jill Cohenour moved that **SB 301 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:17:27 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:18:19 Rep. Steve Gist

16:18:57 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:19:03 Rep. Scot Kerns

16:19:16 Rep. Mark Thane

16:17:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Cohenour,
Rep. Kortum, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Thane, voting yes.
Rep. Bishop, By Proxy

16:20:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 301 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:20:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Thane, voting no.
Rep. Bishop, Rep. Essmann, By Proxy

16:20:43 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 330 - Require county clerks to accept electronic notarizations

16:22:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 330 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:22:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum, voting no.

16:22:19 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Scot Kerns

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 331 - Revise condo and townhouse exemptions

16:23:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 331 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:23:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 331 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:24:40 Rep. Steven Galloway

16:23:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:25:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 331 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:25:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:25:21 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Larry Brewster

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 358 - Require disclosure of taxpayer funds for lobbying by local governments/schools

16:26:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 358 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:27:00 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:27:37 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

16:27:50 Rep. Steven Galloway

16:28:18 Rep. Linda Reksten

16:28:45 Chair Larry Brewster

16:28:56 Rep. Steven Galloway

16:26:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Thane, voting no.
Rep. Bishop, By Proxy

16:26:33 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Scot Kerns

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:37:29

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230406LOHaad\)](#)