

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Marta Bertoglio-R, on April 20, 2023 at 4:02 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. Sherry Essmann (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Mark Thane (D)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
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:

HJ 21 04/19/2023

HJ 22 04/19/2023

Executive Action:

SB 528 TO TABLE

SB 536

HJ 21 DO PASS

HJ 22 DO PASS

**HEARING ON HJ 21 - Interim study of aggregated tracts of land**

**Opening Statement:**

16:04:02 Rep. Jill Cohenour-D HD 84 opened the hearing on HJ 21, Interim study of aggregated tracts of land.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:05:49 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:07:11 Rep. Linda Reksten

**Closing Statement:**

16:10:45 Rep. Jill Cohenour-D HD 84 closed the hearing on HJ 21.

**HEARING ON HJ 22 - Interim study of accessory dwelling units**

**Opening Statement:**

16:11:26 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HJ 22, Interim study of accessory dwelling units.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:12:54 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

16:13:40 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

16:14:21 Steve Turkiewicz, City of Billings

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:15:03 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HJ 22.

16:23:56 **Recessed**

16:33:52 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 528 - Revise zoning laws related to ADUs**

16:34:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 528 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:34:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 528 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:15:50 Discuss proposed amendments

16:35:13 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:34:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:36:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 528 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:36:06 **Vote:** Motion tied 8 - 8 by voice vote

16:37:26 **Motion:** Chair Larry Brewster moved that **SB 528 TO TABLE.**

16:37:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 536 - Provide funding for local government road maintenance**

16:37:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 536 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:38:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 536 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:39:18 Laura Sankey Keip

16:38:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum, voting no.

16:38:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **SB 536 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:39:25 Rep. Steven Galloway

16:39:46 Rep. Kelly Kortum

16:40:31 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:41:15 Rep. Sherry Essmann

16:38:59 **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. Lynch, By Proxy

16:38:59 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Steve Gist

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 21 - Interim study of aggregated tracts of land**

16:43:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **HJ 21 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:43:55 Rep. Mark Thane

16:44:16 Rep. Steven Galloway

16:43:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 22 - Interim study of accessory dwelling units**

16:45:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marta Bertoglio moved that **HJ 22 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:45:22 Vice Chair Jill Cohenour

16:45:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:48:45

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Heather Kellum, Secretary

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