

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on January 09, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 405

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Chris Friedel, Chair (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)  
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Staff Present:** Toni Henneman, Research Analyst  
Lorna Mason, Secretary

**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:

SB 5 01/04/2023  
SB 98 01/04/2023  
SB 103 01/04/2023

Executive Action:

SB 103 DO PASS  
SB 98 DO PASS  
SB 5 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**HEARING ON SB 103 - Revise airport courtesy car insurance requirements**

**Opening Statement:**

15:01:43 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 103, Revise airport courtesy car insurance requirements.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:04:17 Tim Conway, Montana Department of Transportation

**Questions from Committee:**

15:04:30 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:05:32 Tim Conway, Montana Department of Transportation

15:05:47 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:07:10 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:07:28 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:08:23 Sponsor

15:09:13 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:09:42 Tim Conway, Montana Department of Transportation

15:09:53 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:10:44 Tim Conway, Montana Department of Transportation

15:11:22 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:11:34 Tim Conway, Montana Department of Transportation

**Closing Statement:**

15:11:26 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 103.

**HEARING ON SB 98 - Revise the jurisdiction area of municipal health boards**

**Opening Statement:**

15:12:45 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 98, Revise the jurisdiction area of municipal health boards.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:16:30 Pamela Homquist, Flathead County Commissioner

15:17:16 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:19:12 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:19:31 Jason Rittal, MACo

**Closing Statement:**

15:20:40 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 98.

**HEARING ON SB 5 - Remove requirement for a county to publish public notice in an adjacent county**

**Opening Statement:**

15:20:17 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, opened the hearing on SB 5, Remove requirement for a county to publish public notice in an adjacent county.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:26:07 Karen Alley, Council for Montana Association of Counties

15:26:27 Debi Randolph, Broadwater County Commissioner

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:31:41 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:32:25 Jim Strauss, Montana Newspaper Association

**Closing Statement:**

15:32:00 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, closed the hearing on SB 5.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 103 - Revise airport courtesy car insurance requirements**

15:40:09 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 103 DO PASS.**

15:40:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 98 - Revise the jurisdiction area of municipal health boards**

15:42:18 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 98 DO PASS.**

15:42:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5 - Remove requirement for a county to publish public notice  
in an adjacent county**

15:42:57 **Motion:** Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell moved that **SB 5 DO PASS.**

15:42:57 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

15:43:23 **Motion:** Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell moved that **SB 5 BE AMENDED.**

15:43:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:44:32 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 5 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:44:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:45:20

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Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230109LOSaad\)](#)