

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on January 13, 2023 at 2:01 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. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
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 152 01/11/2023

SB 158 01/11/2023

Executive Action:

SB 130 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 131 DO PASS

SB 158 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 158 - Revise family transfer law

Opening Statement:

14:02:35 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 158, Revise family transfer law.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

14:03:53 Brian Thompson, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)

14:06:28 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Informational Center (MEIC)

14:07:50 Sean O'Callaghan, Montana Association of Planners

14:09:03 Ginger Kunz, Jefferson County Clerk

14:09:42 Tim Worley, Missoula County

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

14:12:21 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

14:16:57 Sen. Jason Ellsworth-R

14:18:42 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

14:21:39 Sen. Jason Ellsworth-R

14:23:07 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

14:23:21 Sen. Jason Ellsworth-R

14:24:15 Sen. Christopher Pope

14:26:04 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

14:28:24 Sen. Jason Ellsworth-R

14:29:16 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

14:30:26 Sen. Jason Ellsworth-R
14:31:39 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
14:40:09 Brian Thompson, MARLS
14:41:10 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
14:44:13 Brian Thompson, MARLS
14:45:37 Sen. Chris Friedel
14:50:01 Sen. Jason Ellsworth-R

Closing Statement:

14:51:01 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, closed the hearing on SB 158.

HEARING ON SB 152 - Revise minor subdivision laws

Opening Statement:

14:39:26 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 152, Revise minor subdivision laws.

Proponent Testimony:

14:43:25 Sam Still, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
14:43:58 Brian Thompson, Montana Association of Land Surveyors (MARLS)
14:44:28 Sean O'Callaghan, Montana Association of Planners

Opponent Testimony:

14:45:51 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
14:50:46 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Informational Center (MEIC)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

14:22:34 Sen. Kenneth Bogner
14:52:38 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

14:53:24 Karen Alley, MACo
14:54:46 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
14:54:58 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R
15:58:37 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

14:58:23 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 152.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130 - Allow for a county consolidated land use board

15:11:25 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 130 DO PASS.**
15:12:48 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 130 BE AMENDED.**
15:12:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:14:20 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 130 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:14:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 131 - Revise exempt subdivision review timelines

15:13:37 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 131 DO PASS.**
15:13:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 158 - Revise family transfer law

15:14:44 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 158 DO PASS.**
15:14:50 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 158 BE AMENDED.**
15:14:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:15:35 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 158 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:15:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Boldman, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:22:38

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230113LOSaad\)EXHIBIT\(230113LOSaad\)](#)