

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on January 23, 2023 at 2:30 PM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Chris Friedel, 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)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)

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:

HB 113 01/18/2023
SB 195 01/19/2023

Executive Action:

SB 142 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 113

HEARING ON SB 195 - Exempt certain structures from building code fire sprinkler requirement

Opening Statement:

14:34:02 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 195, Exempt certain structures from building code fire sprinkler requirement.

Proponent Testimony:

14:39:10 Tim Tatarka, Representing Family Promise

14:48:40 Lisa Donnet, Representing Family Promise

[EXHIBIT\(230123LOSa1\)](#)

14:55:27 Stephanie Baucus, Supporter of Family Promise

14:59:11 Felicia Burg, Family Promise Program

15:03:25 Benjamin Quanbeck, Family Promise past president/minister

Opponent Testimony:

15:08:39 Ole Hedstrom, Montana Firemans Association

15:10:36 Amie Grimmel, National Fire Sprinklers Association

[EXHIBIT\(230123LOSa2\)](#)

15:16:10 Jessica Fust, Building Official of Billings, Mt

15:18:49 Richard Cowger, Fire Chief/Montana Fire Alliance Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:21:01 Eric Copeland, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee:

15:21:54 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

15:22:02 Eric Copeland

15:22:51 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov
15:22:57 Eric Copeland
15:24:20 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:24:31 Chief Rich Cowger Columbus
15:28:47 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:29:10 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R
15:29:37 Eric Copeland
15:30:25 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:30:36 Tim Tatarka Family Promise
15:33:03 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
15:33:09 Columbus Fire Chief Rich Cowger
15:34:59 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
15:35:34 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R
15:36:16 Sen. Christopher Pope
15:36:19 Columbus Fire Chief Cowger
15:39:10 Sen. Christopher Pope
15:39:15 Columbus Fire Chief Rich Cowger
15:40:44 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:40:48 Eric Copeland
15:41:31 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:41:41 Jessica Fust, Building Official Billings Mt

Closing Statement:

15:43:50 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 195.

HEARING ON HB 113 - Repeal licensing of hucksters

Opening Statement:

15:46:53 Rep. Greg Kmetz (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 113, Repeal licensing of hucksters.

Proponent Testimony:

15:48:53 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, State of Montana

15:49:57 Cort Jensen, State Attorney

15:52:27 Rachel Cone, Director of State Government Affairs

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:54:11 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:54:29 Cort Jenson, Department of Agriculture

15:55:58 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

15:56:11 Rep. Greg Kmetz-R

15:57:20 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, State of Montana

15:57:40 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:58:14 Cort Jensen Attorney

Closing Statement:

16:00:31 Rep. Greg Kmetz (R), HD 38, closed the hearing on HB 113.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 142 - Provide oversight of local impact fee laws

16:04:40 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 142 DO PASS.**

16:04:54 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 142 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:07:18 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:08:06 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:08:17 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:08:37 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:10:26 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:10:28 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:04:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell,
Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Boldman, By Proxy

16:11:28 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 142 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:11:53 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:12:53 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:11:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell,
Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Boldman, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 113 - Repeal licensing of hucksters

16:15:44 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 113 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:15:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:15:44 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:18:12

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230123LOSaad\)](#)