

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on January 25, 2023 at 2:59 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)  
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** 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 32 01/23/2023

HB 33 01/23/2023

SB 199 01/23/2023

Executive Action:

SB 170 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 195 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**HEARING ON SB 199 - Revise eligibility for resort communities and resort areas**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:06 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 199, Revise eligibility for resort communities and resort areas.

**Discussion:**

15:05:03 Sen. Chris Friedel left the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:06:41 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:10:28 Mary Craigle, Bureau Chief, Research and Information Center Department of Commerce

15:18:31 Mandy Rambo, Department of Commerce

**Questions from Committee:**

15:12:17 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:12:50 Sponsor

15:15:04 Mary Craigle, DOC

15:17:55 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

16:18:27 Mary Craigle, DOC

**Closing Statement:**

15:20:34 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 199.

**HEARING ON HB 32 - Allow additional local government entity board training by petition**

**Opening Statement:**

15:21:50 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 32, Allow additional local government entity board training by petition.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:24:59 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:27:06 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

15:28:20 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, closed the hearing on HB 32.

**HEARING ON HB 33 - Allow county commissioners to initiate certain civil proceedings**

**Opening Statement:**

15:29:38 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 33, Allow county commissioners to initiate certain civil proceedings.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:31:02 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:31:13 Sen. Chris Friedel joined the meeting.

15:33:40 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:35:04 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:35:08 Eric Bryson, MACo

**Closing Statement:**

15:39:29 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, closed the hearing on HB 33.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 170 - Allow for administrative minor subdivision process**

15:43:19 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 170 DO PASS.**

15:45:04 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **SB 170 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:49:21 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:49:58 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:50:18 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:50:20 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:45:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:51:02 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 170 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:51:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 195 - Exempt certain structures from building code fire sprinkler requirement**

15:52:09 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 195 DO PASS.**

15:52:28 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 195 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:52:49 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:53:47 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:52:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:54:27 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 195 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:54:51 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:55:01 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:55:52 Sen. Ellie Boldman

15:56:11 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:56:45 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

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**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:01:56

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Lorna Mason, Secretary

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