

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on January 30, 2023 at 2:57 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:

SB 206 01/25/2023

SB 215 01/25/2023

Executive Action:

SB 199 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**HEARING ON SB 215 - Revise DEQ rule ARM 17.36.328 to require connection from proposed subdivision**

**Opening Statement:**

15:02:01 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 215, Revise DEQ rule ARM 17.36.328 to require connection from proposed subdivision.

**Discussion:**

15:02:17 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell left the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:02:53 John Sinrud, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:07:42 Chris Hindolen, Mayor, City of Chouteau, Montana

15:08:24 Neill Cardwell, City of Belgrade, Montana

15:09:59 Krista Lee Evans, Watershed Restoration Coalition

15:10:44 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Town (MLCT)

15:12:38 SK Rossi, City of Bozeman, Montana

15:14:04 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:15:40 Ryan Leland, City of Helena, Montana

15:17:50 Steve Turkiewicz, City of Billings, Montana

15:18:29 Doug Russell, City of Kalispell, Montana

15:30:08 Logan McInnis, City of Missoula, Montana

15:32:49 Susie Turner, City of Kalispell, Montana

15:33:55 Kurt Markegard, City of Laurel, Montana

15:38:27 Ryan Hunter, self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:41:52 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:42:27 Mark Johnson, City of Kalispell, Montana

15:43:06 Rachel Clark, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:43:53 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov  
15:43:59 Rachel Clark, DEQ  
15:44:26 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov  
15:44:36 Doug Russell, Kalispell, Montana  
15:45:38 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov  
15:45:52 John Sinrud, self  
15:48:56 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
15:49:08 Doug Russell, Kalispell, Montana  
15:50:16 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
15:50:20 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT  
15:51:33 Sen. Christopher Pope  
15:51:41 Rachel Clark, DEQ  
15:53:24 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov  
15:53:37 Doug Russell, Kalispell, Montana  
15:55:16 Rachel Clark, DEQ  
15:57:27 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov  
15:57:33 Doug Russell, Kalispell, Montana.  
15:58:08 Sen. Chris Friedel  
15:58:19 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:58:41 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 215.

**HEARING ON SB 206 - Exempt certain cell phone use from local ordinances**

**Opening Statement:**

16:01:19 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 206, Exempt certain cell phone use from local ordinances.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:05:58 Chris Hindolen, City of Choteau, Montana

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16:06:34 Rebecca Dockter, Helena City Attorney

16:10:16 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

16:12:08 Gwen Jones, City of Missoula, Montana

16:14:09 Bob Kelly, Mayor, Great Falls, Montana

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:17:59 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

16:18:03 Thomas Jodoin, MTLCT

16:18:16 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell joined the meeting.

16:19:10 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

16:19:21 Bob Kelly, Great Falls, Montana

16:20:23 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

16:20:30 Gwen Jones, Missoula, Montana

16:20:52 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

16:21:44 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R

16:22:17 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

16:22:20 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R  
16:22:50 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
16:22:57 Rebecca Dockter, Attorney, Helena, Montana  
16:25:39 Sen. Christopher Pope  
16:25:50 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R  
16:31:20 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov  
16:31:24 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R  
16:32:50 Sen. Chris Friedel  
16:32:54 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R  
16:33:59 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
16:34:18 Thomas Jodoin, MTLCT

**Closing Statement:**

16:36:45 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 206.

**Discussion:**

16:38:33 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov left the meeting.

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

16:40:01 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 199 DO PASS.**

16:40:20 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 199 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:40:34 Toni Henneman

16:40:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:41:59 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 199 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:42:20 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:45:32 Toni Henneman

16:41:59

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:48:08

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Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230130LOSaad\)](#)