

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on February 01, 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 220 01/27/2023

SB 225 01/27/2023

SB 226 01/27/2023

SB 227 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 220 - Include public infrastructure and county-owned parks in municipal annexation**

**Opening Statement:**

15:01:07 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 220, Include public infrastructure and county-owned parks in municipal annexation.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:02:14 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:05:22 Emily Brock, Land and Economic Development Missoula County

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:11:25 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Electrical Cooperation Association (MECA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:12:59 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:13:05 Mark Lambrecht, MECA

15:13:36 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:13:38 Eric Bryson, MACo

15:14:43 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell left the meeting.

**Closing Statement:**

15:15:38 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 220.

**HEARING ON SB 225 - Require DEQ refund fees for subdivision review extensions**

**Opening Statement:**

15:16:00 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 225, Require DEQ refund fees for subdivision review extensions.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:18:19 Jeff Larsen, Larsen Engineering and Surveying

15:22:02 Tobias Liechti, self  
15:24:17 Cory Shaw, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
15:25:08 Sam Still, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
15:26:15 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance-EC  
15:27:12 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.  
15:29:17 Erica Wirtala, Association of Realtors (AOR)

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:31:46 Shannon Therriault, Confluence Public Health Alliance (MCPHA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:36:02 Lindsey Krywaruchka, Water Quality Division Administrator, Department Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:36:42 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
15:36:50 Shannon Therriault, MCPHA  
15:37:52 Sen. Chris Friedel  
15:38:03 Rachel Clark, Department of Environmental Quality  
15:39:32 Shannon Therriault, MCPHA  
15:41:41 Sen. Christopher Pope  
15:41:55 Shannon Therriault, MCPHA

**Closing Statement:**

15:43:34 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 225.

**HEARING ON SB 226 - Allow for subdivision reviews by independent reviewing entities**

**Opening Statement:**

15:44:09 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 226, Allow for subdivision reviews by independent reviewing entities.

**Discussion:**

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**Proponent Testimony:**

15:50:14 Jeff Larsen, Larsen Engineering and Surveying  
15:51:42 Tobias Liechti, self  
15:52:14 Sam Still, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
15:52:44 Cory Shaw, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
15:53:00 Mikel Siemens, self  
15:54:03 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance-EC  
15:55:51 Erica Wirtala, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:57:04 Lindsey Krywaruchka, Water Quality Division, Department of  
Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
16:02:37 Shannon Therriault, Confluent Public Health Alliance (MCPHA)  
16:05:23 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MECA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:07:46 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov  
16:07:49 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R  
16:09:10 Shannon Therriault, MCPHA  
16:10:24 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
16:10:46 Shannon Therriault, MCPHA  
16:14:14 Sen. Christopher Pope  
16:14:22 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R  
16:17:29 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:17:39 Lindsey Krywaruchka, DEQ  
16:19:52 Sen. Chris Friedel  
16:19:55 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R  
16:23:44 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov left the meeting.

**Closing Statement:**

16:24:05 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 226.

**HEARING ON SB 227 - Allow DEQ to pre-certify subdivision applicants**

**Opening Statement:**

16:25:03 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 227, Allow DEQ to pre-certify subdivision applicants.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:27:41 Sen. Christopher Pope left the meeting.  
16:27:51 Jeff Larsen, Larsen Engineering and Surveying  
16:28:34 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Towns and Cities (MLTC)  
16:32:23 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAP)  
16:33:22 Tobias Liechti, self  
16:33:44 Cory Shaw, Montana Building Association (MBA)  
16:34:19 Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute  
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16:36:16 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance-EC  
16:38:26 Sen. Christopher Pope joined the meeting.

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:39:33 Lindsey Krywaruchka, Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
16:43:31 Sen. Kenneth Bogner joined the meeting.

16:45:08 Shannon Therriault, Confluence Public Health Alliance (MCPHA)

16:49:00 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Informational Center (MEIC)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:50:08 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:50:11 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

16:55:43 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:55:49 Lindsey Krywaruchka, DEQ

16:59:25 Sen. Chris Friedel

16:59:31 Sen. Christopher Pope left the meeting.

16:59:46 Lindsey Krywaruchka, DEQ

17:01:36 Sen. Chris Friedel

17:01:40 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

**Closing Statement:**

17:03:58 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 227.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:08:20

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Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201LOSaad\)](#)