

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on February 13, 2023 at 2:59 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. Terry Vermeire (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (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 275 02/06/2023

SB 285 02/09/2023

Executive Action:

SB 262 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 275 - Revise definition of proposed mixing zone & well isolation zone

Opening Statement:

15:00:50 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 275, Revise definition of proposed mixing zone & well isolation zone.

Proponent Testimony:

15:02:08 Barbara Kingery, RBK Consulting

15:05:09 Jeff Larsen, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:07:50 Rick Breckenridge, self

15:10:30 Tobias Liechti, self

15:10:55 Terry Murphy, self

15:11:25 Shannon Therriault, Confluence Public Health Alliance

15:13:28 Mikel Siemens, self

15:14:49 Jamie Reed, self

15:16:10 Pamela Holmquist, self

15:16:55 Randy Brodehl, self

15:18:10 Brad Abell, self

Opponent Testimony:

15:19:39 Racheal Clark, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

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Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:22:36 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:24:54 Rachel Clark, DEQ

15:26:52 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:28:08 Rachel Clark, DEQ

15:29:46 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:30:49 Shannon Therriault
15:31:11 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:31:29 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R
15:31:45 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:31:58 Barb Kingery, self

Closing Statement:

15:34:13 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 275.

HEARING ON SB 285 - Revise subdivision sanitation laws

Opening Statement:

15:35:31 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 285, Revise subdivision sanitation laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:42:35 Jeff Larsen, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
15:47:28 Rick Brickenridge, self
15:50:06 Terry Murphy, self
15:51:16 Madison Grady, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
15:52:09 Tobias Liecht, self
15:53:24 Barbara Kingery, RBK Consulting
15:55:12 Mical Siemens, self
15:59:30 Jamie Reed, self
16:01:38 Pamela Holmquist, self
16:02:24 Brad Abell, self
16:03:26 Randy Brodehl, self

Opponent Testimony:

16:05:46 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

16:09:24 Lindsey Krywaruchka, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
[EXHIBIT\(230213LOSa2\)](#)

16:12:29 Shannon Therriault, Confluence Public Health Alliance
[EXHIBIT\(230213LOSa3\)](#)

16:17:36 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

16:19:51 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

16:21:44 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

16:22:56 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:24:47 Rachel Clark, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

16:25:38 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:25:42 Rachel Clark, DEQ

16:26:16 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:26:32 Jeff Larsen, MEIC

16:28:49 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:30:44 Amy Seaman, Audubon

16:31:31 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:32:26 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

16:33:07 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:36:04 Rachel Clark, DEQ

16:37:37 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

16:38:32 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:39:16 Sen. Carl Glimm-R

16:40:17 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:41:16 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

Closing Statement:

16:41:39 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 285.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 262 - Generally revise licensing requirements

16:52:06 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **SB 262 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:52:36 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

16:53:20 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:55:15 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:56:41 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

16:58:20 Sen. Christopher Pope

17:00:13 Sen. Chris Friedel

16:52:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Boldman, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:04:47

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230213LOSaad\)](#)