

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Chris Friedel-R, on February 23, 2023 at 12:05 PM, in 422

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Chris Friedel, Chair (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)  
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Christopher Pope (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:

Executive Action:

SB 317 DO PASS  
SB 319 DO PASS  
SB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
SB 323 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
SB 331 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
SB 379 TO TABLE  
SB 327 DO PASS  
SB 332 DO PASS  
SB 343 TO TABLE

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 317 - Require partisan elections of certain city officials**

- 12:07:54       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 317 DO PASS.**
- 12:07:54       **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 319 - Revise laws related to tracts of record**

- 12:09:26       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 319 DO PASS.**
- 12:09:26       **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 301 - Revise property laws related to lakeshore regulations**

- 12:11:05       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 301 DO PASS.**
- 12:11:13       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 301 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 12:11:33       Toni Henneman
- 12:12:25       Sen. Forrest Mandeville
- 12:11:13       **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:13:19       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 12:13:19       **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 323 - Allow for duplex, triplex, and fourplex housing in city zoning**

- 12:14:17       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 323 DO PASS.**
- 12:14:26       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 323 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 12:14:45       Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
- 12:14:53       Sen. Jeremy Trebas
- 12:14:26       **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 12:16:15       **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 323 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

12:16:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 331 - Revise condo and townhouse exemptions**

12:16:51 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 331 DO PASS.**

12:16:59 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 331 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:17:18 Toni Henneman

12:16:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:18:26 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 331 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

12:18:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 379 - Revise zoning laws**

12:23:35 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 379 DO PASS.**

12:23:44 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 379 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:23:51 Toni Henneman

12:24:46 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

12:24:57 Toni Henneman

12:23:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12:26:46 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 379 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:27:12 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

12:29:22 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

12:26:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Zolnikov, voting yes.

12:30:37 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 379 TO TABLE.**

12:30:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 327 - Allow water well at any location within setbacks**

12:31:50 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 327 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

12:31:58 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

12:32:29 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

12:31:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 332 - Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions**

12:34:42 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 332 DO PASS.**

12:34:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 343 - Generally revise public sector unions law related to use of taxpayer resource**

12:39:31 **Motion:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner moved that **SB 343 DO PASS.**

12:39:43 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Terry Vermeire moved that **SB 343 TO TABLE.**

12:39:43 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Zolnikov, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:42:05

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Lorna Mason, Secretary

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