

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

Call to Order: Chair Chris Friedel-R, on March 15, 2023 at 3:04 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. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (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:

HB 118 03/10/2023

HB 283 03/10/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 118 - Revise warrant of distraint as statewide lien for certain funds

Opening Statement:

15:07:40 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 118, Revise warrant of distraint as statewide lien for certain funds.

Proponent Testimony:

15:09:37 Jill Hamilton, Department of Revenue (DOR)

15:12:46 Sen. Ellie Boldman left the meeting.

15:13:11 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

15:18:25 Amiee Grmoliez, Crowley and Fleck Law Firm

15:18:31 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

15:21:22 Bill Gowen, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

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15:21:54 Sen. Christopher Pope joined the meeting.

15:28:12 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:29:52 Tony Zammit, Department of Revenue (DOR)

15:30:15 Danielle Pennington, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

15:30:58 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:31:12 Bill Gowen, MLTA

15:32:42 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

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15:33:22 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

15:34:40 Tony Zammit, DOR

15:35:39 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

15:35:58 Bill Gowen, MLTA

Closing Statement:

15:37:20 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, closed the hearing on HB 118.

HEARING ON HB 283 - Generally revise rental laws

Opening Statement:

15:38:45 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 283, Generally revise rental laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:39:58 John Sinrud, Montana Landlord's Association (MLA)

15:43:39 Sharon Lodge, Bozeman Landlord's Association (BLA)

15:52:57 Robert Smaus, Montana Landlords Association ((MLA)

Opponent Testimony:

15:46:09 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

15:47:18 Sam Forstag, City of Missoula

15:49:51 Sandra Burch, Montana Democratic Socialist Association (MDSA)

15:51:12 Izzy Milch, Forward Montana

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:55:31 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

15:55:38 John Sinrud, MLA

15:57:36 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:58:44 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT

16:00:30 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

16:00:38 Sandra Burch, MDSA
16:03:25 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
16:03:45 Sandra Burch, MDSA
16:05:27 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov left the meeting.
16:05:41 Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell
16:06:10 Toni Henneman
16:06:33 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT
16:10:05 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
16:10:15 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT
16:12:19 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
16:12:27 John Sinrud, MLA
16:13:37 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.
16:17:09 Chair Chris Friedel
16:17:26 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT

Closing Statement:

16:19:31 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 283.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:22:59

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230315LOSaad\)](#)