

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

Call to Order: Chair Chris Friedel-R, on March 17, 2023 at 2:59 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)

Members Excused: 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 211 03/13/2023
HB 291 03/13/2023
HB 246 03/13/2023
HB 279 03/13/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 279 - Revise alcohol laws related to server training

Opening Statement:

15:03:15 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 279, Revise alcohol laws related to server training.

Proponent Testimony:

15:05:10 John Hayes, self

15:06:51 Brad Griffen, Montana Retail Association (MRA) Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

15:07:54 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

15:09:03 Shawna Helfert, Montana Gaming Industry (GIA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:11:33 Dacia English, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

15:12:07 Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell

15:12:16 Dacia English (DOR)

15:13:33 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

15:13:48 Dacia English (DOR)

15:14:00 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:14:07 Dacia English (DOR)

15:17:10 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

15:17:55 Rep. Scot Kerns-R

Closing Statement:

15:19:13 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 279.

HEARING ON HB 246 - Allow for the zoning of tiny dwelling units

Opening Statement:

15:20:18 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 246, Allow for the zoning of tiny dwelling units.

Proponent Testimony:

15:21:52 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

15:23:38 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

15:25:04 Adrian Cotton, Montana Building Association (MBA) American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

15:26:51 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish

15:27:29 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:28:03 Mackson Grady, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

15:28:30 Ethan Hanley, Associated Students , University of Montana

15:28:54 Patrick Yakawich, Blackfeet Tribe

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:30:10 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:31:27 Rep. Scot Kerns-R

Closing Statement:

15:31:38 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 246.

HEARING ON HB 291 - Revise local government investment laws

Opening Statement:

15:33:27 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 291, Revise local government investment laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:35:38 Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)
15:40:29 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:42:05 Sen. Christopher Pope
15:42:10 Alan Hulse (MMIA)
15:44:01 Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell
15:44:26 Alan Hulse (MMIA)

Closing Statement:

15:45:22 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, closed the hearing on HB 291.

HEARING ON HB 211 - Revise the local subdivision review process

Opening Statement:

15:46:24 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 211, Revise the local subdivision review process.

Proponent Testimony:

15:48:01 Alan McCormick, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
15:55:10 Jerry Grebence, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)
15:56:07 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
15:57:24 Glenn Oppel, Policy Director, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

15:59:37 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
16:01:33 Denny Haywood, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

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| 16:03:19 | Sen. Christopher Pope |
| 16:05:22 | Rep. Larry Brewster-R |
| 16:06:35 | Alan McCormick (MAR) |
| 16:07:54 | Sen. Ellie Boldman left the meeting. |
| 16:09:20 | Sen. Christopher Pope |
| 16:11:00 | Alan McCormick (MAR) |
| 16:13:57 | Rep. Larry Brewster-R |
| 16:15:50 | Sen. Forrest Mandeville |
| 16:17:55 | Jerry Grebence (MAP) |
| 16:21:25 | Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell |
| 16:22:08 | Rep. Larry Brewster-R |
| 16:24:29 | Alan McCormick (MAR) |
| 16:26:48 | Ann Schwend (MEIC) |
| 16:30:22 | Chair Chris Friedel |
| 16:31:09 | Sam Still (MAR) |
| 16:32:03 | Alan McCormick (MAR) |
| 16:33:01 | Sen. Forrest Mandeville |
| 16:33:36 | Ann Schwend (MEIC) |
| 16:38:50 | Sen. Forrest Mandeville |
| 16:40:10 | Alan McCormick (MAR) |
| 16:43:01 | Sen. Christopher Pope |
| 16:45:51 | Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell |

16:46:36 Alan McCormick (MAR)

Closing Statement:

16:49:58 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, closed the hearing on HB 211.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:55:41

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230317LOSaad\)](#)