

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

Call to Order: Chair Chris Friedel-R, on March 24, 2023 at 3:12 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)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
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 433 03/13/2023

HB 685 03/13/2023

HB 465 03/15/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 433 - Clarify use of certain refrigerants

Opening Statement:

15:13:30 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 433, Clarify use of certain refrigerants.

Proponent Testimony:

15:14:44 Aimee Grmoljez, Crowley and Fleck Law Firm

[EXHIBIT\(230324LOSa1\)](#)

15:16:38 Mike Nerozzi, Director of Government Affairs, Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute, (AHRI)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:20:57 Eric Copeland, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee:

15:21:34 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:21:53 Mike Nerozzi, AHRI

15:22:25 Chair Chris Friedel

15:23:41 Mike Nerozzi, AHRI

15:28:33 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

15:29:54 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:30:53 Mike Nerozzi, AHRI

15:31:02 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:32:47 Eric Copeland, DOLI

Closing Statement:

15:33:47 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 433.

HEARING ON HB 465 - Revise local government acceptable uses of building permit fees

Opening Statement:

15:35:31 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 465, Revise local government acceptable uses of building permit fees.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230324LOSa2\)](#)

15:37:13 Chair Chris Friedel left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:38:28 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

15:39:12 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

15:41:04 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish

15:41:29 Mike Nugent, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:43:46 Eric Copeland, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee:

15:45:17 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:45:30 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D

15:46:51 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:47:30 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT

Closing Statement:

15:47:54 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, closed the hearing on HB 465.

HEARING ON HB 685 - Revise methods for valuing commercial condominiums

Opening Statement:

15:49:03 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 685, Revise methods for valuing commercial condominiums.

Proponent Testimony:

15:50:49 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(230324LOSa3\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:55:13 Chad Elser, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

15:55:33 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:55:37 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

15:55:56 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:56:09 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

15:56:17 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:56:29 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

15:57:27 Sen. Christopher Pope

15:59:11 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

15:59:35 Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell

16:00:45 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

Closing Statement:

16:01:50 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, closed the hearing on HB 685.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:04:25

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230324LOSaad\)](#)