

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Chris Friedel-R, on April 14, 2023 at 3:17 PM, in 405

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
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:

HB 724 04/12/2023  
HB 927 04/06/2023  
HB 938 04/06/2023  
HB 948 04/06/2023  
SJ 21 04/11/2023

Executive Action:

HB 304 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED  
HB 339 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED  
HB 724 BE CONCURRED IN

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 304 - Require Marijuana producer and processor facility air and odor filtration**

15:23:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **HB 304 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

15:23:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, voting no.

15:26:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **HB 304 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

15:26:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, Sen. Vermeire, voting no.  
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Pope, By Proxy

15:26:26 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Chris Friedel

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 339 - Establish laws for autonomous vehicles**

15:27:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **HB 339 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

15:27:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 4 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Zolnikov, voting no.

15:29:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **HB 339 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

15:29:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Zolnikov, voting no.

15:29:19 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

**HEARING ON SJ 21 - Interim study to review the Land Use Planning Act**

**Opening Statement:**

15:33:51 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SJ 21, Interim study to review the Land Use Planning Act.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:35:22 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

15:36:46 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:36:55 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish

15:37:06 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

15:39:21 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SJ 21.

**HEARING ON HB 938 - Generally revise encroachment permit law**

**Opening Statement:**

15:39:52 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 938,  
Generally revise encroachment permit law.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:40:45 Kaylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:41:49 Roy Ross, County

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

15:42:45 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 938.

**HEARING ON HB 948 - Revise marijuana laws regarding synthetic marijuana products**

**Opening Statement:**

15:44:57 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 948, Revise marijuana laws regarding synthetic marijuana products.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:50:06 Cort Jenson, Department of Agriculture (DOA)

15:51:51 Kristan Barbour, Department of Revenue (DOR)

15:55:02 Darci Wiebe, Montana Advanced Caregivers (MAC)

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:57:14 Melanie Kos, LLC

15:59:18 Fiona Nave, Representative

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:11:20 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 948.

**HEARING ON HB 724 - Generally revise public notice requirements**

**Opening Statement:**

16:14:55 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 724, Generally revise public notice requirements.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:17:10 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 724.

**HEARING ON HB 927 - Authorize additional authority for coal trust housing loans**

**Opening Statement:**

16:18:04 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 927, Authorize additional authority for coal trust housing loans.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:35:27 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, closed the hearing on HB 927.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 724 - Generally revise public notice requirements**

16:36:26 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 724 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:36:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16:36:26 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:38:21

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Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230414LOSbad\)](#)