

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

Call to Order: Chair Kenneth Bogner-R, on April 21, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Staff Present: Grace Gibney, Secretary
Toni Henneman, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 874 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 914 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 890 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 816 TO TABLE

08:02:51 **Recessed**

08:04:51 Secretary Grace Gibney left the meeting

10:59:00 Secretary Lynnette Sena joined the meeting

11:00:05 Sen. Zolnikov has arrived

11:03:36 **Reconvened**

11:03:50 **Recessed**

11:06:08 Sen. Vermeire has left

11:15:38 **Reconvened**

11:16:00 Sen. Boldman has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 874 - Revise examination fees for exempt divisions of land

11:16:05 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 874 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:16:10 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

11:16:16 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

11:16:22 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

11:16:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Carrier Assigned: Sen. Forrest Mandeville

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 914 - Revise local government laws

11:17:33 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 914 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:17:43 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

11:18:02 Toni Henneman

11:18:09 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 914 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:18:30 Toni Henneman

- 11:19:14 Sen. Vermeire has arrived
- 11:19:22 Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell
- 11:20:01 Sen. Ellie Boldman
- 11:20:19 Toni Henneman
- 11:20:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy
- 11:21:32 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 914 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 11:21:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, Sen. Zolnikov, voting no.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy
- Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jeremy Trebas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 890 - Require certain govt boards to provide audio/video recordings of public meetings

- 11:22:38 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 890 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 11:22:49 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner
- 11:23:00 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov
- 11:23:18 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 890 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 11:23:28 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov
- 11:24:10 Sen. Christopher Pope joined the meeting.
- 11:25:34 Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell
- 11:25:56 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
- 11:26:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:26:25 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 890 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 11:26:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 816 - Revise distribution of surplus revenue through tax rebates

11:27:04 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 816 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:27:10 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

11:27:23 **Motion:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville moved that **HB 816 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:27:45 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

11:28:57 Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell

11:29:10 Sen. Ellie Boldman

11:29:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, Sen. Zolnikov, voting no.

Discussion: Discussion of HB 816 and amendment HB0816.001.007

11:30:05 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

11:30:10 Sen. Ellie Boldman

11:30:20 Toni Henneman

11:30:25 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

11:30:27 Sen. Ellie Boldman

11:31:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mary Ann Dunwell moved that **HB 816 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:31:44 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

11:31:50 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

11:31:54 Sen. Ellie Boldman

11:32:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Zolnikov, voting no.

11:32:41 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **HB 816 TO TABLE.**

11:32:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Mandeville, voting no.

Discussion: Discussion of remaining bills

11:33:15 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

11:33:21 Toni Henneman

11:33:35 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner
11:33:42 Toni Henneman
11:33:50 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner
11:34:15 Toni Henneman
11:34:24 Sen. Ellie Boldman
11:34:45 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35:09

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230421LOSaad\)](#)