

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on April 24, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Sen. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mark Noland, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Staff Present: Lynnette Sena, Secretary
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

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 914 04/21/2023

Executive Action:

HB 914 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

08:01:53 Vice Chair Noland has left

HEARING ON HB 914 - Revise local government laws

Opening Statement:

08:02:01 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 914, Revise local government laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

08:05:35 Steve Turkiewicz, self

08:05:38 Vice Chair Mark Noland joined the meeting.

08:06:32 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:09:08 Kelly Lynch, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Questions from Committee:

08:09:35 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:10:05 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

08:10:19 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:10:46 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

08:11:35 Sen. Walt Sales

08:14:00 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

08:14:18 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:14:37 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Closing Statement:

08:15:20 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 914.

08:16:36 Sen. Fitzpatrick has arrived

08:17:58 **Recessed**

08:28:37 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 914 - Revise local government laws

08:28:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 914 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:28:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 914 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:29:10 Vice Chair Mark Noland

08:29:28 Erin Sullivan

08:30:41 Chair Jason Small

08:31:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:31:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 914 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:31:34 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:32:22 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

08:32:51 Sen. Walt Sales

08:33:24 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

08:33:34 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:34:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

08:35:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 914 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:35:44 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:36:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

Carrier Assigned: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:37:35

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230424BUSaad\)](#)