

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

Call to Order: Chair Chris Friedel-R, on April 24, 2023 at 8:32 AM, 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. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

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

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:

SJ 29 04/21/2023

SR 75 04/21/2023

Executive Action:

SR 75 TO TABLE

SJ 29 DO PASS

HB 816

**HEARING ON SR 75 - Resolution to support U.S. constitutional amendment regarding
campaign finance**

Opening Statement:

08:34:31 Sen. Andrea Olsen (D), SD 100, opened the hearing on SR 75,
Resolution to support U.S. constitutional amendment regarding campaign
finance.

Proponent Testimony:

08:36:02 Sue Kirchmyer, self

[EXHIBIT\(230424LOSa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230424LOSa2\)](#)

08:38:17 Norane Appling-Freistadt, self

[EXHIBIT\(230424LOSa3\)](#)

08:40:03 Aimee McQuilkin, self

08:42:08 Joe Loos, self

08:43:35 Jon Ellingson, self

08:44:25 Kristine Glenn, self

08:45:52 Mary Catherine Dunphy, self

08:47:38 Robyn Morrison, Montana League of Women Voters

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:50:25 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

08:50:57 Sen. Andrea Olsen-D

Closing Statement:

08:54:27 Sen. Andrea Olsen (D), SD 100, closed the hearing on SR 75.

HEARING ON SJ 29 - Interim study on workforce housing

Opening Statement:

08:55:17 Sen. Mark Noland (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SJ 29, Interim study on workforce housing.

Proponent Testimony:

08:56:42 Melissa Shannon, Montana Housing Coalition

08:57:13 Sam Still, Montana Association of Realtors

08:57:37 Amanda Frickle, Montana AFL-CIO

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:58:29 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

08:58:42 Sam Still, MAR

08:59:11 Sen. Ellie Boldman

08:59:40 Sam Still, MAR

Closing Statement:

08:59:44 Sen. Mark Noland (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SJ 29.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 75 - Resolution to support U.S. constitutional amendment regarding campaign finance

- 10:31:49 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **SR 75 DO PASS.**
- 10:31:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting yes.
Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, By Proxy
- 10:32:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **SR 75 TO TABLE.**
- 10:32:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Pope, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 29 - Interim study on workforce housing

- 10:33:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **SJ 29 DO PASS.**
- 10:33:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

- 10:34:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **HB 816 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**
- 10:34:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 10:35:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **HB 816 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 10:36:45 Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner
- 10:37:25 Toni Henneman
- 10:37:55 Sen. Ellie Boldman
- 10:35:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 10:38:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner moved that **HB 816 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 10:38:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:38:33 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Forrest Mandeville

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:40:04

Grace Gibney, Secretary

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