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MINUTES LOG

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10:04 AM
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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Chair (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)

Staff Present:

Toni Henneman, Research Analyst

Bri Nordhagen, Secretary

Committee Business Summary

- The LGIC Subcommittee moved to recommend PD8v3 to the full Local Government Interim Committee.

Background/Analysis

10:06:52 Toni. Henneman, LSD Research Analyst, began her overview/analysis of the PD 8v3 handout - An act requiring the department of environmental quality to review experimental wastewater systems and propose for adoption those systems that meet the requirements allowed in the sanitation in subdivisions act; amending section 76-4-104, MCA." Ms. Henneman reviewed subsections of 2-4-307 of the MCA handout. [\(Exhibit 1\)](#) [\(Exhibit 2\)](#)

DEQ response

10:12:43 Tim Davis, DEQ Water Quality Division Administrator, gave an overview of the DEQ's response to bill draft PD 8v3, stating that the department is amenable to the language changes and have no further concerns with the current language.

Questions from the committee

10:13:57 Sen. Malek asked Mr. Davis what the term "components" meant. Sen. Malek asked Mr. Davis how the process would work for someone who had a faulty or failing septic system.

10:19:01 Rep. Dunwell asked Mr. Davis if the language could be simplified, modeled after the first version of the bill draft, PD8, to create more clarity.

10:14:21 Sen. Malek asked Mr. Davis if the language changes fix the concerns raised by the department at the July meeting.

Public comment

10:28:38 Tim Burton, Executive Director of the League of Cities and Towns, expressed support for the current language of PD8v3

10:29:52 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association, expressed support for the current language of PD8v3

10:30:11 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors, expressed support for the current language of PD8v3

Questions and discussion from the committee

10:30:49 Rep. Dunwell asked Ms. St. Lawrence if she could clarify for the committee her stance on the language changed in bill draft PD 8v3.

10:32:21 Sen. Malek wanted to express her appreciation for their support over what was happening in Lewis and Clark County.

10:32:22 Sen. MacDonald suggested moving forward with the language suggested by Sen. Esp regarding bill draft PD 8v3.

10:34:20 Rep. Dunwell stated her support in moving the bill draft forward.

10:35:46 Sen. Malek stated the need for compliance with MAPA and supported moving forward with the bill draft.

10:36:12 Ms. Henneman reviewed for the committee the discussion points and next steps for the upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

10:37:08 Sen. MacDonald adjourned the Local Government Subcommittee meeting at 10:37 AM.