



LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

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Mary Ann Dunwell
Russel (Russ) Tempel
Jeremy Trebas
Terry Vermeire

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Larry Brewster
Tom France
Steve Gist
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Toni Henneman - Research Analyst
Julie Johnson - Attorney
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MINUTES LOG

May 22, 2024
Capitol Room & Zoom 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Larry Brewster, Presiding Officer (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
Julie Johnson, Attorney
Daniel Rosenberg, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:59:18 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

MEETING OVERVIEW

09:00:32 Toni Henneman, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

LITIGATION UPDATE

MAID v Montana

09:02:39 Julie Johnson, Staff Attorney, LSD
[EXHIBIT 1](#)

Public Comment

09:06:10 None

09:06:32 Rep. France joined the meeting.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS (HOUSE BILL 872 COMMISSION)

09:06:42 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

Update On Commission Work Related to Homelessness

09:07:39 Rep. Dave Fern, HD 5

09:08:33 Rep. Bob Keenan, HD 10

Committee Questions/Discussion

09:21:19 Rep. Steve Gist

09:21:47 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:22:37 Rep. Dave Fern

09:27:24 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:29:29 Rep. Steve Gist

09:29:45 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:30:42 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:33:57 Rep. Dave Fern

09:37:53 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:42:20 Rep. Tom France

09:43:53 Rep. Dave Fern

09:44:53 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:46:33 Rep. Tom France

09:47:00 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel
09:48:33 Rep. Bob Keenan
09:49:45 Rep. Dave Fern
09:53:42 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
09:56:40 Rep. Bob Keenan

Public Comment

10:01:36 None

HOUSE BILL 890 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIO/VISUAL RECORD REQUIREMENTS

10:02:35 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 5](#)

Rule Update

10:03:23 Michele Snowberger, Deputy Chief Information Officer, State Information
Technology Services Division

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:05:39 Rep. Steve Gist
10:05:53 Michelle Snowberger
10:06:48 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
10:07:01 Michelle Snowberger

Public Comment

10:07:51 Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

10:11:07 **Recessed**

10:31:29 **Reconvened**

HOUSE BILL 819 - COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Program Overview

10:32:06 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 6](#)
[EXHIBIT 7](#)

Program Update

10:33:36 Mark Blasdel, Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:38:36 Rep. Steve Gist
10:38:51 Mark Blasdel
10:40:03 Rep. Tom France
10:40:59 Mark Blasdel
10:43:09 Toni Henneman
10:43:50 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell

10:44:08 Mark Blasdel

Public Comment

10:47:07 None

HOUSE BILL 819 – REVOLVING LOAN AND BOND PROGRAM

Program Overview

10:47:45 Toni Henneman

Scott St. – Ravara Project Overview and Funding Strategy

10:49:28 Annie Gorski, Deputy Director, Missoula Redevelopment Agency

[EXHIBIT 8](#)

11:02:26 Kiah Hochstetler, Goodworks Development

Committee Questions/Discussion

11:08:52 Rep. Tom France

11:09:44 Kiah Hochstetler

11:11:07 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel

11:11:20 Annie Gorski

11:13:00 Kiah Hochstetler

11:14:40 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell

11:15:44 Kiah Hochstetler

11:17:27 Annie Gorski

11:20:31 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell

11:21:02 Kiah Hochstetler

11:21:51 Rep. Tom France

Board Of Investments Update and Remarks

11:23:31 Dan Villa, Director, Montana Board of Investments

[EXHIBIT 9](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

11:28:03 Rep. Tom France

11:28:32 Dan Villa

Public Comment

11:29:46 Kelly Lynch, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

11:32:11 **Recessed**

13:01:44 **Reconvened**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROPERTY TAX DISCUSSION

13:01:53 Rep. Tom France

Local Government Funding And Property Taxes

- 13:04:19 Josh Slotnick, Commissioner, Missoula County
[EXHIBIT 10](#)
13:04:22 Joe Briggs, Commissioner, Cascade County
[EXHIBIT 11](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

- 13:32:29 Rep. Steve Gist
13:32:59 Josh Slotnick
13:37:07 Rep. Greg Oblander
13:38:28 Joe Briggs
13:41:52 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
13:42:19 Toni Henneman
13:42:32 Megan Moore, Research Analyst, LSD
13:43:12 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
13:43:41 Josh Slotnick
13:50:01 Megan Moore
13:50:31 Rep. Tom France
13:51:20 Joe Briggs
13:53:55 Josh Slotnick
13:56:48 Rep. Greg Oblander
13:57:17 Josh Slotnick
13:58:15 Rep. Steve Gist
13:58:51 Megan Moore
13:59:50 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
14:00:42 Joe Briggs
14:02:56 Josh Slotnick

Public Comment

- 14:08:09 None

REVENUE INTERIM COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 14:08:38 Toni Henneman
14:09:23 Megan Moore
14:15:34 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
14:16:51 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster

Committee Questions/Discussion

- 14:19:20 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
14:20:22 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster
14:22:04 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
14:24:39 Megan Moore
14:27:06 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell

14:27:21 Megan Moore

Public Comment

14:28:06 None

LONG-TERM CARE STUDY UPDATE

14:28:30 Toni Henneman

14:29:03 Milly Allen, Research Analyst, LSD
[EXHIBIT 12](#)

Public Comment

14:33:10 None

MARA COMMITTEE UPDATE – PRISON CAPACITY TOPIC

14:33:55 Josh Poulette, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT 13](#)

14:43:19 Walker Hopkins, Fiscal Analyst, LFD

Committee Questions/Discussion

14:51:11 Rep. Tom France

14:52:20 Josh Poulette

14:54:56 Walker Hopkins

14:56:04 Josh Poulette

14:57:14 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell

14:58:04 Walker Hopkins

Public Comment

14:59:06 None

SPECIAL DISTRICT OVERSIGHT – HOUSE BILL 33, 2023

Review Provisional Draft, PD1JJ

14:59:44 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 14](#)

15:00:14 Julie Johnson

15:01:58 Toni Henneman

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:02:58 Rep. Steve Gist

15:03:31 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell

15:03:53 Rep. Steve Gist

Public Comment

15:04:12 None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET PROCESS – SENATE BILL 332, 2023

Review Provisional Draft, PD2TH

15:04:42 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 15](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:07:03 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
15:08:44 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster

Public Comment

15:10:15 None

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

15:10:44 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 16](#)

Review July 17 Meeting

15:11:24 Toni Henneman

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:14:38 Rep. Greg Oblander
15:15:08 Rep. Tom France
15:15:16 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
15:15:34 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster
15:15:44 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
15:17:59 Rep. Steve Gist
15:18:25 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell
15:20:49 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster
15:21:19 Rep. Steve Gist
15:21:53 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster
15:21:58 Toni Henneman

Motion

15:23:12 Rep. Gist moved to adopt PD1JJ as written as a committee bill.
15:23:54 **Vote:** Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Questions/Discussion

15:24:25 Toni Henneman
15:24:44 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster

Motion

15:24:59 Rep. Oblander moved to continue working on PD2TH as a committee bill.

Discussion on the Motion

15:25:23 Rep. Tom France
15:25:47 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster

15:26:14 Toni Henneman
15:26:51 Rep. Tom France

15:27:14 **Vote:** Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Other Directives to Staff

15:27:38 Toni Henneman
15:28:23 Presiding Officer Larry Brewster
15:28:34 Vice Presiding Officer Mary Ann Dunwell

Review Legislative Days Draft Agenda, June 18 & 19

15:28:56 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 17](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT on any item in LGIC's subject matter jurisdiction

15:32:29 None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:33:12