



LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

September 07, 2023
Capitol Room 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Larry Brewster, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)

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

08:59:21 Chair Brewster called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

MEETING OVERVIEW

09:00:15 Toni Henneman, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Review Draft Work Plan

09:00:40 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 1](#)
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Update on Other Interim Committee Work Plans

09:02:50 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

Review Potential Work Plan Timeline

09:09:08 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT 4](#)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Public Comment

09:14:28 None

Questions from the Committee

09:14:48 Rep. Oblander
09:15:15 Sen. Dunwell

VOTER REVIEW & FORMS OF GOVERNMENT

09:17:27 Dan Clark, Montana State University (MSU) Local Government Center
[EXHIBIT 7](#)
[EXHIBIT 8](#)
[EXHIBIT 9](#)
[EXHIBIT 10](#)
[EXHIBIT 11](#)
[EXHIBIT 12](#)
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[EXHIBIT 18](#)
[EXHIBIT 19](#)

09:20:18 Power Point Presentation ([EXHIBIT 7](#))

Questions from the Committee

09:33:52 Sen. Dunwell
10:12:35 Sen. Dunwell

Public Comment

10:16:50 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)
10:17:56 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Questions from the Committee

10:18:36 Sen. Trebas
10:20:27 Sen. Dunwell
10:26:00 Rep. Oblander

RECESS

10:27:21 Reconvened at 10:45:13

REVIEW OF UNFUNDED MANDATE STATUTES**Statutory Requirements and Case Law Review**

10:45:46 Julie Johnson, Staff Attorney, LSD
[EXHIBIT 20](#)

Questions from the Committee

10:56:27 Sen. Dunwell

2023 Bill Review

10:57:24 Toni Henneman, Research Analyst, LSD
[EXHIBIT 21](#)
[EXHIBIT 22](#)
[EXHIBIT 23](#)
[EXHIBIT 24](#)
[EXHIBIT 25](#)
[EXHIBIT 26](#)
[EXHIBIT 27](#)
[EXHIBIT 28](#)

Public Comment

11:06:35 Jason Rittal, MACO
11:14:39 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Questions from the Committee

11:16:35 Rep. Oblander
11:21:19 Sen. Trebas
11:22:29 Sen. Dunwell

MARA UPDATE

11:24:23 Rep. Brewster

11:24:50 Sen. Dunwell
11:32:15 Toni Henneman

Public Comment

11:33:08 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

RECESS

11:33:44 Reconvened at 12:34:43

LAND USE LEGISLATION STUDY TOPIC

12:35:17 Toni Henneman, Research Analyst, LSD
12:36:09 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns
[EXHIBIT 29](#)

Questions from the Committee

13:00:55 Sen. Dunwell
13:26:53 Rep. Oblander
13:29:08 Sen. Trebas
13:31:27 Sen. Dunwell
13:33:21 Rep. Oblander

2023 Land Use Legislation Summary

13:49:26 Toni Henneman, Research Analyst, LSD
[EXHIBIT 30](#)

Questions from the Committee

14:17:46 Sen. Dunwell

Update on Senate Bill 382 Implementation

14:19:55 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Public Comment

14:22:56 Mike Veselik, City of Bozeman
14:24:53 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish

Committee Work Session: List of Questions/Topics for Further Research

14:27:29 Toni Henneman, Research Analyst, LSD
14:28:24 Sen. Dunwell
14:29:03 Rep. Oblander
14:30:31 Rep. Brewster
14:31:28 Rep. Oblander
14:32:04 Rep. Brewster
14:32:36 Toni Henneman

RECESS

14:34:26 Reconvened at 14:50:05

RENTAL AFFORDABILITY STUDY TOPIC

14:50:18 Toni Henneman, Research Analyst, LSD

14:50:27 Cheryl Cohen, Administrator, Montana Housing Division
[EXHIBIT 31](#)

Questions from the Committee

15:09:32 Sen. Dunwell

15:12:01 Rep. Oblander

15:14:36 Sen. Dunwell

15:19:03 Sen. Trebas

Housing and Rental Data Tool

15:27:54 Molly DelCurto, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT 32](#)

Public Comment

15:32:08 None

Committee Work Session

15:32:50 Toni Henneman (see [EXHIBIT 1](#), [EXHIBIT 2](#), [EXHIBIT 3](#))

Committee Questions/ Discussion

15:33:44 Sen. Dunwell

15:34:56 Rep. Brewster

15:35:42 Sen. Dunwell

15:36:54 Rep. Oblander

15:37:31 Sen. Dunwell

15:38:02 Sen. Vermeire

15:39:12 Toni Henneman

Motion

15:40:50 Rep. Oblander moved to adopt the changes as staff described regarding HOA and covenant use, additional DEQ topics, monitoring the implementation of House Bill 890 and refine next time if necessary.

Vote

15:41:38 The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. France, Gist were not present for the vote and did not leave a proxy.

Review Calendar

15:41:43 Toni Henneman (see [EXHIBIT 1](#))

Committee Questions/ Discussion

15:43:30 Sen. Dunwell

15:44:29 Sen. Trebas

Public Comment on Any Item in LGIC's Subject Matter Jurisdiction

15:45:53 None

ADJOURNMENT

15:46:18 Sen. Brewster adjourned the meeting at 3:46 PM.