



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Helena, MT  
January 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIR BILL LEININGER

- Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM
- Acknowledged the Anti-Trust Policy
- Minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting were approved as presented
- Roll call and approval of excused absences
- Excused: Ronda Tompers
- Absent: Mike Basile, Larry Damm, Clayton Fiscus, Judy Gudgel, Robyn Erlenbush
- Present: Bill Leininger, Jim Anderson, Charles Lapp, Jannie Wiseman, Marty Kukich, Mike Nugent, Hattie Baker-Graham, Trina White, Liane Taylor, Paul Drew, DJ Smith, Teri Polumsky, Dan Wagner, Matt Rosbarsky, Michael Wojdylak, Robyn Erlenbush
- Staff: Sam Sill
- Guests: Erica Wirtala, Cari Olson, Tyler Garrison, Dwight Easton, John Carlson, Candis Dorsch, Mary Ahmann Hibbard, Kerry Mills Hofman, Ellen Beck, Craig Siphers, Jaymie Bowditch
- Ex-Officio: Terry Thompson

#### 2. DISCUSSION:

- E and O Insurance/Real Estate Recovery Account – Motion to proceed with the two bills as presently conceived. Properly seconded, motion carried.
- Legislative Reception preparation- Bill Leininger discussed committee participation at the reception.
- RPAC participation by committee members – Bill Leininger asked the committee to be sure to contribute to RPAC.
- HB 253 – Vacant property registry ordinance. Staff and Jaymie Bowditch provided an update. The GAC had previously voted to oppose HB 253 and Jaymie Bowditch will provide some analysis to help with talking points.
- HB 180 – Exempt wells – Motion to oppose if the bill is heard in committee. Properly seconded, motion carried.
- SB 151 – Notice procedures for exempt rights claims – The committee will take this up in the future.

- LC1173 – Subdivision preliminary plat approval timelines – Monitor for now.
- SB 135 – TIF reform – No need to oppose as it was killed by the sponsor.
- LC1220 – TIF for workforce housing – Monitor for now.
- HB 195 – Local option tax – Monitor for now.
- LC1148 update – Meth disclosure – Jaymie Bowditch and staff provided an update on this bill and the meth issue generally.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**4. REPORTS:**

- Water Subcommittee
- Tax Subcommittee
- Land Subcommittee
- Business Subcommittee
- Affordable Housing Subcommittee

**5. CALENDAR AND EVENTS**

- State Legislative Reception – Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM
- REALTOR® Day at the Capitol – Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**6. MEETING ADJOURNED AT NOON.**