

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Clow, Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Cornilles, Dixon(24), Hawkins, Healey, Price, Wroten, Berch, Green, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Ehardt

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Kingsley called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep Cheatum** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024 meeting.

RS 31334C1: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 31334C1**, which would give cities the authority to limit operations of certain sites that pose a threat to public health and safety, or would attract subversive threats. Rep. Gannon explained unprecedented growth is creating a conflict in property uses. While the use of certain properties may be grandfathered, cities are limited when addressing requests for expanding operations of such properties. He described examples of large gas storage facilities and electrical facilities that have posed a threat to nearby neighborhoods.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to introduce **RS 31334C1**.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. Gannon** explained the section requiring two thirds majority vote by city councils was incorporated to provide a reasonable check-and-balance and encourage consensus. He emphasized the legislation was brought forward because there is a real need in cities grappling with growth, and there needs to be a solution that makes the most sense; therefore he was open to other ideas and recommendations.

Committee discussion focused on concern about giving broader powers to city councils and whether there is a need for the legislation since existing law addresses some of what **Rep. Gannon** described.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Cheatum** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Kingsley** called for a vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Representative Kingsley
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary