

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 15, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 560, 3/10/2011; HB 561, 3/10/2011; HB 562, 3/10/2011; HB 564, 3/10/2011

HEARING ON HB 560**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:07 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 560, Increase public involvement in urban renewal areas.

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a03\)](#)

00:01:31 Rep. McNally arrived.
00:01:36 Rep. Williams arrived.
00:01:58 Rep. Stahl arrived.
00:04:36 Rep. Taylor left.
00:06:00 Rep. Stahl left.
00:06:58 Rep. McClafferty arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:41 Kevin Nelson, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a04\)](#)

00:12:18 Vice Chairman Miller left.
00:13:46 Rep. Randall and Rep. Knudsen left.
00:15:02 Chairman Blasdel
00:15:16 Mr. Nelson
00:16:44 Rep. Flynn left.
00:18:39 Rep. Barrett
00:18:45 Mr. Nelson

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:22 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a05\)](#)

00:22:09 Chairman Blasdel
00:22:18 Rep. Barrett
00:22:35 Mr. Hanel
00:23:24 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce
[EXHIBIT\(tah58a06\)](#)
00:25:15 Connie Wardell, self
00:28:09 Rep. Stahl arrived.
00:28:38 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency
00:31:13 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman
00:31:33 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.
00:32:50 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Informational Testimony:

00:35:46 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:36:37 Rep. Flynn arrived.
00:36:48 Rep. Stahl left.
00:37:41 Rep. Stahl arrived.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:55 Rep. Barrett

00:40:17 Rep. Randall arrived.
00:40:29 Mr. Fontenot
00:40:45 Rep. Barrett
00:41:14 Mr. Behan
00:41:16 Rep. Barrett
00:41:58 Mr. Behan
00:43:01 Rep. Barrett
00:44:11 Mr. Standaert, LFD
00:44:43 Rep. Knudsen arrived.
00:45:06 Mr. Standaert
00:45:24 Rep. Stahl
00:46:06 Mr. Standaert
00:46:18 Rep. Hoven
00:46:25 Mr. Standaert
00:46:57 Rep. Hoven
00:46:00 Mr. Standaert
00:47:26 Rep. Hoven
00:47:41 Mr. Standaert
00:48:00 Rep. Hoven
00:48:12 Mr. Hansen
00:50:01 Rep. Hoven
00:50:18 Mr. Hansen
00:51:25 Rep. Stahl
00:51:36 Rep. Flynn left.
00:52:24 Donny Rieger, County Commissioner, Fallon County
00:52:47 Rep. Stahl
00:52:56 Rep. Malek
00:53:41 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:54:23 Mr. Hansen
00:54:39 Mr. Behan
00:56:45 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:57:03 Mr. Behan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:40 Rep. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 561

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:53 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 561, Revise terminology and criteria for factors in urban renewal districts.

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:58 Kevin Nelson, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a09\)](#)

01:06:20 Rep. Flynn arrived.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:03 Bruce MacIntrye, Billings Chamber of Commerce

01:10:55 Rep. Randall and Rep. Hale left.

01:13:16 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings Public School

EXHIBIT(tah58a10)

01:13:32 Rep. Hale arrived.

01:22:32 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency

01:22:46 Chairman Blasdel left.

01:26:30 Wade Elder, Community & Economic Development, City of Kalispell

01:27:03 Rep. Flynn left.

01:28:43 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

01:29:12 Rep. Phillips left.

01:29:53 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings

01:30:15 Rep. Randall arrived.

01:31:45 Chairman Blasdel arrived.

01:31:56 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman

01:33:37 Rep. Phillips arrived.

01:34:02 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

01:35:24 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:40:16 Rep. Knudsen

01:41:00 Rep. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:10 Rep. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 562**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:42:33 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 562, Require notification of local governments and schools of urban renewal district.

EXHIBIT(tah58a11)

01:42:34 Rep. McClafferty left.

01:42:35 Rep. Barrett left.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:45:43 Kevin Nelson, self

EXHIBIT(tah58a12)

01:47:11 Rep. Yates left.

01:47:12 Rep. Barrett arrived.

01:47:25 Rep. Stahl left.

01:49:07 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.

01:54:54 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:55:56 Kristen Rosa, Tax Increment Financing, Administrator, Butte Silver-Bow County

01:57:04 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings School Board

01:57:40 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.
01:57:48 Rep. Yates and Rep. Flynn arrived.
01:58:44 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency
01:58:45 Rep. O'Neil left.
01:59:41 Rep. Knudsen left.
02:00:07 Vice Chairman Miller left.
02:00:08 Rep. Malek left.
02:02:46 Rep. O'Neil arrived.
02:03:08 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce
02:04:13 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings
02:05:18 Rep. Knudsen arrived.
02:05:44 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, League of Cities and Towns
02:07:10 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman
02:08:26 Wade Elder, Community & Economic Development, City of Kalispell
02:09:16 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:10:00 Rep. Barrett
02:10:14 Rep. Stahl arrived.
02:11:09 Mr. Behan
02:11:17 Rep. McClafferty arrived.
02:11:24 Rep. Barrett
02:11:53 Mr. Behan
02:11:56 Rep. Barrett
02:11:57 Mr. Behan
02:12:00 Rep. Barrett
02:12:05 Mr. Behan
02:12:22 Rep. McNally
02:12:37 Rep. Arntzen
02:13:04 Rep. McNally
02:13:16 Rep. Arntzen
02:13:24 Mr. Behan
02:13:48 Rep. McNally
02:13:54 Rep. Barrett
02:14:14 Rep. McNally
02:14:18 Rep. Williams
02:14:33 Rep. Stahl left.
02:15:14 Mr. Behan
02:16:09 Rep. Malek arrived.
02:16:38 Rep. Hoven
02:17:20 Mr. Nelson
02:17:30 Rep. Hoven
02:18:01 Mr. Nelson
02:18:31 Rep. Hoven
02:18:35 Rep. McNally left.
02:18:41 Rep. Flynn left.
02:18:53 Mr. Hansen
02:18:54 Rep. Randall left.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:22 Rep. Arntzen
02:22:16 Rep. McNally arrived.

HEARING ON HB 564**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:23:24 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 564, Requiring urban renewal districts not supplant municipal services.

EXHIBIT(tah58a13)

02:23:33 Rep. Randall arrived.
02:23:38 Chairman Blasdel left.
02:25:01 Rep. Stahl arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:26:18 Kevin Nelson, self
02:29:04 Chairman Blasdel arrived.

Opponents' Testimony:

02:31:37 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency
02:37:35 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings School Board District #2
02:39:18 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce
02:41:40 Wade Elder, Community & Economic Development, City of Kalispell
02:42:49 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman
02:43:31 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings
02:45:05 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, League of Cities and Towns
02:45:49 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:48:11 Rep. Barrett
02:49:49 Mr. Behan
02:50:47 Rep. Barrett
02:51:33 Mr. Behan
02:51:42 Rep. Williams
02:52:31 Mr. Behan
02:53:30 Rep. Williams
02:53:59 Mr. Behan
02:54:44 Rep. Williams
02:55:08 Mr. Behan
02:55:51 Rep. Williams
02:56:17 Rep. Stahl
02:57:02 Mr. Hansen
02:58:20 Rep. Stahl
02:59:00 Mr. Hansen
03:00:00 Rep. Stahl
03:00:23 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.

03:00:31 Mr. Hansen
03:01:06 Rep. Stahl
03:02:03 Rep. Malek
03:02:12 Rep. Stahl
03:02:30 Ms. Wardell
03:02:40 Rep. Randall left.
03:02:59 Rep. Stahl
03:03:32 Mr. Behan
03:04:21 Rep. Stahl
03:04:40 Mr. Behan
03:06:07 Rep. Stahl
03:06:29 Mr. Behan
03:07:09 Rep. Barrett
03:08:10 Mr. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

03:08:25 Rep. Arntzen

03:08:34 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.
03:11:53 Rep. Malek

ADJOURNMENT

03:12:34 Adjournment: 11:13 a.m.

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah58aad.pdf](#))