

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on January 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Branch
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary

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 120, 1/7/2015; HB 41, 1/7/2015; HB 153, 1/7/2015; HB 154,
1/7/2015

HEARING ON HB 41**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:53 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 41, Revise tax appeal laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:11 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:09:06 Karen Powell, Montana Tax Appeal Board (MTAB)
00:09:56 Dave McAlpin, MTAB
00:10:29 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
00:11:01 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
00:11:30 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:11:59 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:51 Fred Easy, Self

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

00:14:20 Rep. White
00:14:58 Rep. Hunter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:10 Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON HB 120**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:39 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 120, Remove sunset on the big sky on the big screen act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:55 Doug Mitchell, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)
00:29:01 J.P. Gabriel, Film Lights, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(tah08a01)

00:34:10 John McKee, Headframe Spirits
00:36:28 Ari Novak, Oracle Film Group
00:37:10 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting.
00:38:08 Sky Bennett, Montana Mafia Productions
00:39:54 Seth Bloom, Montana Film Studio

EXHIBIT(tah08a02)

00:44:36 Aaron Roos, Roos Media
00:48:44 Jessie Luther, Motion Picture Association of America
00:49:57 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce
00:51:58 Stuart Doggett, Montana Association of Lodging and Hospitality
00:52:44 John Sinrud, Self
00:55:01 Scott Duthie, Angry Monkey Productions

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:01:40 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:03 Rep. Schwaderer
01:03:23 Rep. Williams
01:04:24 Doug Mitchell, COM
01:05:35 Rep. Schwaderer
01:05:42 Rep. White left the meeting.
01:06:45 Doug Mitchell, COM
01:07:19 Rep. Zolnikov
01:08:25 Doug Mitchell, COM
01:10:38 Rep. Brown
01:11:15 Rep. Williams
01:11:42 Rep. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:10 Rep. Williams
01:14:38 Rep. Olszewski entered the meeting.
01:14:39 Rep. McClafferty left the meeting.
01:14:38 Rep. Randall left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 154**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:15:30 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 154, Review income tax credits.

01:16:54 Jacobson left the meeting.
01:17:43 Rep. McClafferty returned to the meeting.
01:19:15 Rep. Jacobson returned to the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:54 Heather O'Laughlin, Montana Budget & Policy Center (MBPC)
EXHIBIT(tah08a03)
01:26:30 Bob Story, MTA

Opponents' Testimony:

01:29:52 Dave Wood, Self
EXHIBIT(tah08a04)
01:33:21 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center
01:36:40 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Alternative Energy Resources Organization
01:41:48 George Olsen, Montana Association of Certified Public Accountants

Informational Testimony:

01:44:23 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
01:44:58 Steve Arveschoug, Big Sky Economic Development Council
01:51:32 Matt Elsaesser, Recycle Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:53 Rep. Hertz
01:53:14 Rep. Zolnikov left the room.
01:53:47 Rep. White returned to the room.
01:54:00 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:54:18 Rep. Hertz
01:54:40 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:55:04 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:55:10 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
01:56:11 Rep. Dunwell
01:57:14 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:59:10 Rep. Dunwell
01:59:32 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:59:50 Rep. Brown
02:00:15 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:00:45 Rep. Jacobson
02:01:14 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:01:18 Rep. Jacobson
02:01:32 Rep. Hollandsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:44 Rep. Hollandsworth

HEARING ON HB 153**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:03:02 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 153, Repeal tax abatements for gray water systems.

02:03:25 Rep. Cook left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:05:16 Thad Adkins, S.A.V.E.
02:06:25 Rep. Cook returned to the meeting.
02:08:15 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

Informational Testimony:

02:10:31 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR
02:10:57 Barb Kingery, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:27 Rep. Lieser
02:11:50 Rep. Jacobson left the meeting.
02:12:01 Dustin Stewart, MBIA
02:13:27 Rep. Brown
02:14:07 Barb Kingery, DEQ
02:14:30 Rep. Zolnikov returned to the meeting.
02:16:01 Rep. Schwaderer

02:16:57 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:17:23 Vice Chair Williams
02:17:45 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:17:53 Rep. Jacobson
02:19:44 Chair Miller
02:19:52 Megan Moore, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:33 Rep. Hollandsworth

ADJOURNMENT

02:23:55 Adjournment:

Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah08aad.pdf](#))