

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON REVENUE ESTIMATING

**Call to Order:** Chair Fred Thomas, on March 20, 2015 at 11:00 AM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chair (R) (arrived after roll)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D) (arrived after roll)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Julie Ward, 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:** Senate and House Subcommittees on Revenue Estimating convene for the purpose of making recommendations on the revenue estimate to the House Taxation Committee.

**General Fund Revenue Estimate Summary:**

00:00:59 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:04:33 Chairman Thomas

00:05:29 **Motion:** Rep. Hertz moved to accept the revenue estimate based on the March update numbers provided by Legislative Fiscal Division. (page 2, line 1 of the results)

**EXHIBIT(jes58a01)****Discussion:**

00:06:26 Sen. Barrett  
00:08:52 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:10:07 Chairman Thomas

00:11:36 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Hertz made a substitute motion to adopt all of the increases and line 25.

**Discussion:**

00:12:42 Rep. Miller  
00:12:56 Chairman Thomas  
00:13:17 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:14:14 Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**EXHIBIT(jes58a02)**

00:17:07 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:17:27 Chairman Miller  
00:17:37 Mr. Villa OBPP  
00:20:47 Chairman Miller  
00:21:10 Mr. Villa  
00:22:03 Chairman Miller  
00:22:43 Mr. Villa  
00:23:01 Rep. Jacobson  
00:23:19 Mr. Villa  
00:23:52 Chairman Thomas  
00:24:13 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:25:04 Rep. Hertz  
00:26:27 Ms. Morrison, LFD  
00:29:43 Chairman Miller  
00:30:19 Ms. Morrison  
00:30:39 Mr. Villa  
00:33:33 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:35:06 Mr. Villa  
00:36:40 Chairman Miller  
00:37:07 Ms. Morrison  
00:37:40 Mr. Villa

00:38:55 Chairman Thomas restated the motion to adopt the LFD baseline budget plus alternatives 3,6,9,13,17, 20, 23 and 25.  
 00:40:33 Rep. Williams  
 00:40:58 Ms. Morrison  
 00:41:11 Mr. Villa  
 00:41:35 Ms. Morrison  
 00:42:46 Sen. Tutvedt  
 00:43:15 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
 00:44:37 Sen. Tutvedt  
 00:44:56 Ms. Carlson, LFD  
 00:46:01 Chairman Thomas

00:46:09 **Motion:** Rep. Williams moved to amend the recommendation by adding the Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP) numbers instead of the Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD) numbers for lodging tax.

[EXHIBIT\(jes58a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:47:26 Chairman Thomas  
 00:47:35 Mr. Miller  
 00:47:43 Chairman Thomas  
 00:47:54 Rep. Hertz  
 00:48:12 Mr. Villa  
 00:48:18 Ms. Morrison  
 00:49:05 Rep. Hertz agreed to accept the amendment to his motion.  
 00:49:14 Sen. Tutvedt

00:50:06 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**Discussion:**

00:50:31 Mr. Villa  
 00:51:35 Rep. Williams  
 00:52:07 Rep. Miller  
 00:52:28 Chairman Thomas restated the motion as amended and to include that the committee look at line 3 further.  
 00:53:36 Sen. Tutvedt  
 00:54:24 Mr. Villa  
 00:55:37 Chairman Thomas  
 00:56:14 Rep. Jacobson  
 00:57:04 Chairman Thomas

00:58:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved to accept the recommendations as amended. The motion failed in the Senate 2-3 by roll call vote with Sen Hoven and Sen. Thomas voting aye. Sen Hoven voted by proxy. The motion failed in the House 3-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Hertz voting aye. Sen. Miller abstained.

01:01:06 Recess  
 01:26:32 Reconvene

01:27:39 Chairman Thomas

01:27:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hertz moved to recommend adoption of the LFD March estimate with increases to lines 3, 6, 9, 13, 17, 20, 23, and 25 and to use OBPP March estimates for the vehicle tax and lodging tax. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:29:35 Sen. Tutvedt

01:30:27 Chairman Thomas

01:30:47 Sen. Barrett

01:31:13 Sen. Tutvedt

01:31:44 Rep. Williams

01:32:31 Chairman Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

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Julie Ward, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jes58aad.pdf](#))**