

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, 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: SB 343, 3/10/2017

Work Session: SB 333

00:00:52 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:49 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 343, Generally revise laws related to the resort tax.

00:04:36 Sen. McClafferty entered the meeting.

00:06:25 Chairman Blasdel

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:46 Mona Jamison, attorney, Big Sky Resort Area (BSRA)

00:20:41 Jim Hart, commissioner, Madison County

00:22:53 Joe Skinner, Gallatin County Commission

00:23:59 David O'Connor, president, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce (BSCC)

00:28:07 Virginia Hermann, Big Sky Resort Tax Board

00:29:46 Bill Berg, commissioner, Park County

00:31:07 Michael Schoenike mayor, City of Red Lodge

00:38:12 Dan Sabolsky town manager, City of West Yellowstone

00:43:10 Paulina Hazen, self

00:47:40 Dick Anderson, Dick Anderson Construction

00:49:33 Brian Guyer, Human Resource Development Council (HRDC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a01\)](#)

00:51:23 Michael Scholz, Big Sky Resort Tax Board (BSRTB)

00:53:55 Wade Laubach, Gardiner Resort Area District

00:54:50 Dave Galt, Montana Contractors Association

00:55:08 Dustin Lerette, Association of Montana Troopers

00:55:59 Chelsey Frank, self

00:56:22 Peggy Trenk, Montana Housing Coalition

00:57:12 Loren Bough, Big Sky School District (BSSD)

00:58:19 Kevin Germain, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce

00:59:45 Glen Loomis, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:14 Lisa Knorr, self

01:04:17 Tallie Lancey, self

01:07:15 Alan Shaw, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a03\)](#)

01:14:03 Jerry Scott, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:30	Sen. Barrett
01:23:28	Mr. O'Connor, BSCC
01:28:44	Sen. Barrett
01:29:24	Mr. O'Connor
01:29:54	Mr. Bough, BSSD
01:30:30	Sen. Barrett
01:30:58	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:31:50	Ms. Jamison, BSRA
01:32:32	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:33:11	Mr. Guyer, HRDC
01:40:54	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:41:18	Mr. Guyers
01:43:02	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:44:36	Mr. Scholz, BSRTB
01:48:00	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:48:35	Mr. Scholz
01:51:00	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:51:16	Mr. Sabolsky, City of West Yellowstone
01:51:51	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:52:01	Mr. Sabolsky
01:52:44	Sen. Malek
01:52:55	Mr. Scholz
02:03:30	Sen. Malek
02:04:02	Mr. Scholz
02:08:50	Sen. Webb
02:09:08	Mr. Scholz
02:11:32	Chairman Blasdel
02:11:40	Mr. Schoenike, City of Red Lodge
02:12:33	Mr. Sabolsky
02:13:04	Sen. Hoven
02:13:38	Mr. Sabolsky
02:13:59	Sen. Hoven
02:14:08	Mr. Schoenike
02:14:24	Sen. Hoven
02:14:41	Mr. O'Connor
02:16:57	Sen. Hoven
02:19:08	Mr. Scholz
02:19:35	Sen. Barrett
02:20:15	Mr. Bough
02:22:46	Chairman Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:03	Sen. Walborn
02:25:52	Chairman Blasdel
02:27:12	Recess

02:37:56 Reconvened

WORK SESSION ON SB 333

02:38:12 Chairman Blasdel

Discussion:

02:39:28 Sen. Hoven

02:40:53 Brian Watson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

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02:42:21 Sen. Hoven

02:43:20 Mr. Watson, DPHHS

02:45:09 Sen. Cohenour

02:45:40 Mr. Watson

02:48:54 Sen. Cohenour

02:49:06 Mr. Watson

02:50:29 Sen. Barrett

02:50:52 Sen. Tempel

02:51:35 Sen. Caferro

02:51:55 Chairman Blasdel

02:52:02 Sen. Tempel

02:52:16 Sen. Malek

02:52:35 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)

02:53:02 Sen. Malek

02:53:18 Ms. Cholewa, MTCIA

02:53:49 Sen. Malek

02:55:28 Ms. Cholewa

02:55:54 Chairman Blasdel

02:56:06 Sen. Malek

02:56:22 Andre Umansky, Fidelity Diagnostics (FD)

02:58:07 Sen. Tempel left the meeting.

03:00:48 Chairman Blasdel

03:01:06 Mr. Umansky, FD

03:02:10 Sen. Barrett

03:02:41 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Labs

03:03:37 Sen. Barrett

03:04:07 Sen. Cohenour

03:04:39 Mr. Watson

03:08:39 Sen. Barrett

03:09:08 Mr. Watson

03:10:01 Sen. Pomnichowski

03:10:30 Mr. Watson

03:12:13 Sen. Malek

03:12:41 Mr. Watson

03:13:12 Sen. Barrett

03:13:32 Sen. McClafferty

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03:35:26	Mr. Watson
03:36:04	Chairman Blasdel
03:37:25	Sen. Barrett
03:37:33	Sen. McClafferty left the meeting.
03:38:31	Ms. Cholewa
03:39:36	Sen. Barrett
03:39:53	Chairman Blasdel
03:39:59	Sen. Malek
03:40:21	Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division
03:41:17	Chairman Blasdel
03:41:44	Mr. Umansky
03:42:28	Ms. Wiggers, Montana Labs
03:46:46	Ms. Cholewa
03:47:10	Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:49 PM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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