

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Becky Beard, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Lola Galloway (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Bushnell, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, 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 130, 1/15/2019; HB 148, 1/15/2019

09:00:29 Chair Redfield
09:01:23 Rep. Hertz entered the meeting

HEARING ON HB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:01 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 130, Revise income tax law to exempt military pensions.

EXHIBIT(tah12a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:41 Ed Sperry, Self
09:08:31 Bill Waldren, United States Army Special Forces Association
09:12:23 Gerald Schumacher, Self
09:18:40 Gary White, American Legion of Montana
09:20:14 Daryl Russell, Self
09:22:56 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion; Montana National Guard Officers and Enlisted Association
09:24:46 Frank Novotny, Self
09:26:25 John Woon, Self
09:28:30 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
09:29:37 Fran Viereck, American Association of Retired Persons Montana (AARP Montana)
09:32:27 Damon Songer, American Legion

Opponents' Testimony:

09:35:20 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)
09:41:57 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony:

09:46:13 Aaron McNay, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:46:33 Rep. Fern
09:47:08 Gene Walborn, DOR
09:47:26 Rep. Fern
09:47:48 Gene Walborn, DOR
09:47:58 Rep. Hertz
09:48:25 Gene Walborn, DOR
09:48:43 Rep. Hertz
09:49:11 Aaron McNay, DOR
09:49:41 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:50:26 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion; Montana National Guard Officers and Enlisted Association
09:51:13 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting
09:52:16 Vice Chair Beard
09:52:40 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion; Montana National Guard Officers and Enlisted Association
09:54:18 Vice Chair Beard
09:55:11 Bob Story, MTA

09:55:35 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting
09:56:25 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:56:58 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion; Montana National Guard Officers and
Enlisted Association
09:57:35 Rep. Dunwell
09:58:29 Gene Walborn, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

09:59:12 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8

09:59:20 Rep. Kassmier left the meeting

HEARING ON HB 148**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:02:54 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 148, Require 2/3
of legislature to enact a new tax or fee or a tax or fee increase.

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a02\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:06:41 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
10:08:14 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayer's Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:10:24 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a03\)](#)**[EXHIBIT\(tah12a04\)](#)**

10:14:23 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote
10:16:25 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.
10:16:56 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
(MCADSV)
10:17:40 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees
10:18:56 Dan Whyte, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
10:21:02 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health and Social Services Coalition
10:23:01 Bob Gilbert, Self

Informational Testimony:

10:28:43 Cindy Palmer, Montana's Farmer Union

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:30:40 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57

10:33:33 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:33:46

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah12aad.pdf](#))