

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on January 29, 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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (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 216, 1/21/2019

09:01:53 Chair Redfield

### **HEARING ON HB 216**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:03:16 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 216, Revise tax laws related to student loan reimbursements by employers.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:08:57 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce  
09:11:49 Brenna Love, Associated Students of the University of Montana  
09:12:54 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group  
09:14:16 Rep. Welch entered the meeting.

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

09:15:14 Eric Feaver, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:20:59 David Merrien, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:21:25 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen  
09:22:19 Rep. Dudik  
09:22:50 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen  
09:23:24 Rep. Dudik  
09:24:19 Rep. Fuller  
09:24:51 Rep. Dudik  
09:26:40 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:27:19 David Merrien, DOR  
09:27:27 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:27:48 David Merrien  
09:28:22 Vice Chair Z. Brown  
09:28:44 Rep. Dudik  
09:29:57 Vice Chair Beard  
09:30:56 Rep. Dudik  
09:32:31 Rep. Fern  
09:33:21 Rep. Dudik  
09:33:57 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:34:38 Rep. Dudik  
09:35:06 David Merrien, DOR  
09:36:26 Rep. Dunwell  
09:37:17 Rep. Dudik  
09:37:42 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:38:05 Rep. Dudik

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

09:38:36 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94

09:38:59 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:39:30

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah17aad.pdf](#))