

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 14, 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. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (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 365, 2/5/2019; HB 367, 2/5/2019; HB 372, 2/5/2019

09:00:55 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON HB 372

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:20 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 372, Increase inflation limitation on government entities for property tax levies.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:04:52 Sandra Jones, Mayor, Roundup, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

09:05:58 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner

EXHIBIT(tah31a01)

09:08:48 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner

09:11:28 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner

09:15:03 Rick Norby, Mayor, Sidney

09:16:55 Shane Gorder, Richland County Commissioner

09:17:43 Todd Devlin, Prairie County Commissioner, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

09:18:57 Doug Martens, Rosebud County Commissioner, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

09:20:20 Bob Kelly, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

09:22:43 Jim Hart, Madison County Commissioner

09:24:08 John Williams, Mayor, Colstrip

09:25:52 Tom Berry, Musselshell County Commissioner

09:26:18 Dave Strohmaier, Missoula County Commissioner

09:28:07 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)

09:30:24 Michael Kardoes, City of Livingston

09:32:25 Gary Macdonald, Roosevelt County Commissioner

09:33:09 Dana Smith, City of Whitefish

09:34:26 Sidney Fitzpatrick, Big Horn County Commissioner

09:34:57 David Fine, City of Bozeman

09:36:16 Dale Bickell, City of Missoula

09:37:23 Bill Berg, Park County Commissioner

09:38:26 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(tah31a02)

EXHIBIT(tah31a03)

09:40:42 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

09:41:17 Ted Barkley, City of Belgrade

09:43:23 Jerry Jimison, Mayor, Glendive

09:44:54 Rolland Karlin, Mayor, Big Timber

Opponents' Testimony:

09:46:36 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association (MTA)

EXHIBIT(tah31a04)

09:57:59 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

10:00:52 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSG), Montana Cattle Women (MCW)

10:02:25 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:03:55 Rep. Fern
10:04:50 Bob Story, MTA
10:07:03 Rep. White
10:08:30 Jason Rittal, MACo
10:08:49 Rep. White
10:09:21 Jason Rittal, MACo
10:09:40 Rep. White
10:10:22 Commissioner McGinley, Beaverhead County
10:13:06 Rep. White
10:13:51 Darryl James, MIC
10:14:40 Rep. White
10:15:12 Rep. Abbott
10:15:41 Nicole Rolf, MFBF
10:16:14 Rep. Abbott
10:16:21 Nicole Rolf, MFBF
10:17:18 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:17:37 Bob Story, MTA
10:19:08 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:19:37 Bob Story, MTA
10:20:50 Rep. Fern
10:21:58 Commissioner McGinley, Beaverhead County
10:22:46 Bob Story, MTA
10:23:24 Rep. Fern
10:23:50 Bob Story, MTA
10:24:22 Rep. Fuller
10:24:49 Bob Story, MTA
10:25:05 Chair Redfield
10:25:16 Jason Rittal, MACo
10:25:08 Chair Redfield
10:25:35 Jason Rittal, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

10:26:19 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72

HEARING ON HB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:30:44 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 365, Use portion of bed tax for agritourism grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:32:10 Karli Johnson, Self

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a05\)](#)

10:38:13 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

10:39:53 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Hospitality and Lodging Association
10:41:59 Jennifer Pelej, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

EXHIBIT(tah31a06)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:45:15 Rep. White
10:45:51 Jennifer Pelej, DOC
10:46:01 Rep. White
10:46:99 Jennifer Pelej, DOC
10:46:27 Rep. White
10:46:47 Jennifer Pelej, DOC
10:47:02 Rep. White
10:47:11 Jennifer Pelej, DO0
10:47:22 Rep. Dunwell
10:48:18 Rep. Shaw (R), HD 71
10:49:04 Karli Johnson, Self
10:50:42 Rep. Dunwell
10:51:17 Jennifer Pelej, DOC
10:52:51 Chair Redfield
10:53:08 Jennifer Pelej, DOC
10:53:20 Rep. Marler
10:53:56 Karli Johnson, Self
10:54:54 Rep. White
10:55:23 Jennifer Pelej, DOC

Closing by Sponsor:

10:56:06 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71

11:03:26 Recessed
11:14:07 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 367**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:14:16 Rep. Rodney Garcia (R), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 367, Require advisory committee for urban renewal districts that use TIF.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:17:56 Kevin Nelson, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

11:22:51 Tim Goodridge, East Billings Urban Renewal District
11:24:50 Matthew McDonnell, Billings Industrial Revitalization District Board
11:27:00 Sandra Jones, Mayor, Roundup
11:28:39 Mike Kardoos, City of Livingston
11:29:49 David Fine, City of Bozeman
11:31:58 Bill Cole, Mayor, Billings

11:34:38 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
11:35:28 Dale Bickell, City of Missoula
11:36:53 Dana Smith, City of Whitefish
11:37:59 Chris Kukulski, City of Billings
11:38:46 John Muhlfeld, Mayor, Whitefish

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:40:39 Vice Chair Beard
11:41:02 Chris Kukulski, City of Billings
11:41:17 Chair Redfield
11:41:31 Mayor Cole, Billings
11:41:43 Chair Redfield
11:41:48 Mayor Cole, Billings

Closing by Sponsor:

11:42:23 Rep. Rodney Garcia (R), HD 52

11:44:26 Chair Redfield
11:45:08 Vice Chair Brown
11:45:14 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45:36

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah31aad.pdf](#))