

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 19, 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (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. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (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 403, 2/8/2019; HB 404, 2/8/2019; HB 462, 2/8/2019

09:00:45 Chair Redfield
09:01:41 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 404

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:59 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 404, Revise the itemized deduction for medical expenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:41 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturalpaths (MANP), Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (MAMFF), Montana Speech and Hearing Association (MSHA), Montana Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAAOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:06:10 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:06:55 Rep. Fern
09:07:31 Rep. Kassmier
09:08:22 Rep. Fuller
09:09:14 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:09:48 Rep. Dunwell
09:10:46 Rep. Kassmier
09:11:11 Rep. Dunwell
09:11:30 Rep. Kassmier
09:12:08 Rep. Dunwell
09:12:39 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:13:00 Rep. Smith
09:13:22 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:13:30 Rep. Smith
09:13:45 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:14:04 Vice Chair Beard
09:14:21 Rep. Kassmier
09:14:57 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:15:16 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:05 Rep. Joshua Kassmier

HEARING ON HB 462**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:17:17 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 462, Revise administration of tax increment financing districts.

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:20:07 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:21:43 Ken Fichtler, Governor's Office of Economic Development

09:24:06 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a03\)](#)

09:31:38 Sandra Jones, Mayor, City of Roundup
09:33:03 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency
09:37:44 Kristin Rosa, Butte Redevelopment Agency
09:38:51 Nicole Borner, Musselshell County Commission
09:39:29 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
09:43:00 Tim Goodridge, East Billings Renewal District
09:45:17 Greg Dorrington, City of Billings, City of Bozeman
09:46:11 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)
09:47:53 Dan Ellison, Jefferson County

Informational Testimony:

09:48:27 Kory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:49:32 Alyssa Sorenson, Montana Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:49:58 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:50:20 Rep. Burnett
09:51:16 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:51:56 Rep. Burnett
09:52:18 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:53:12 Rep. Burnett
09:53:46 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:54:12 Rep. Burnett
09:54:36 Rep. Fern
09:55:08 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
09:56:49 Rep. Fern
09:57:08 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
09:57:31 Rep. White
10:02:33 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
10:03:26 Rep. White
10:04:21 Eric Bryson, MACo
10:05:57 Rep. White
10:06:40 Greg Dorrington, City of Billings, City of Bozeman

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10:06:58 Greg Dorrington, City of Billings, City of Bozeman
10:07:12 Vice Chair Beard
10:08:34 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
10:09:38 Vice Chair Beard
10:10:23 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

Closing by Sponsor:

10:10:55 Rep. Burnett (R)

10:12:06 Recessed
10:13:52 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 403**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:13:38 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 403, Generally revise coal tax laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:18:29 Joe Farinelli, Signal Peak Energy
10:22:21 Sandra Jones, Mayor, City of Roundup

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a04\)](#)

10:26:21 Sue Olson, Self
10:30:55 Alan Olson, Self
10:35:16 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a05\)](#)

10:37:33 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
10:37:43 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

10:38:49 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
10:42:01 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
10:44:50 Nicole Borner, Musselshell County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a06\)](#)

10:51:09 Julian Adler, Montana Public Research Group
10:53:22 Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:00:37 Rep. Fuller
11:01:24 Joe Farinelli, Signal Peak Energy
11:01:50 Rep. Fuller
11:02:01 Joe Farinelli, Signal Peak Energy
11:02:15 Rep. Fuller
11:02:23 Joe Farinelli, Signal Peak Energy

11:02:30 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway,
11:02:55 Commissioner Borner
11:04:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:04:17 Commissioner Borner
11:07:12 Rep. Dunwell
11:07:50 Chair Redfield
11:08:13 Rep. Dunwell
11:08:19 Joe Farinelli, Signal Peak Energy
11:08:35 Rep. Dunwell
11:09:02 Ann Hedges, MEIC
11:09:22 Rep. Fern
11:10:12 Joe Farinelli, Signal Peak Energy
11:11:12 Rep. Fern
11:11:43 Alan Olson, Self
11:11:56 Rep. Fern
11:12:00 Alan Olson, Self
11:12:20 Rep. Fern
11:12:44 Alan Olson, Self
11:13:14 Rep. Zolnikov
11:13:50 Commissioner Borner
11:15:18 Rep. Zolnikov
11:16:28 Commissioner Borner
11:17:30 Rep. Zolnikov
11:17:38 Rep. Fuller
11:18:19 Rep. Barry Usher, HD 40
11:19:02 Rep. Fuller
11:19:14 Rep. Barry Usher, HD 40
11:20:02 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:20:47 Mayor Jones, Roundup
11:21:48 Vice Chair Beard
11:22:04 Commissioner Borner
11:23:24 Vice Chair Beard
11:23:36 Commissioner Borner

Closing by Sponsor:

11:23:49 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40

11:30:47 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:31:16

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah35aad.pdf](#))