

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 22, 2019 at 8:30 A.M., 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. 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. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Bushnell, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 514, 2/19/2019; HB 527, 2/19/2019
Executive Action: HB 365, HB 372, HB 394, HB 449, HB 462, HB 489, HB 514,
HB 527

08:32:32 Chair Redfield
08:34:02 Recessed
09:04:02 Reconvened
09:04:03 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 514

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:04:11 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 514, Provide for check the box election on informal property tax appeals.

[EXHIBIT\(tah38a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:07:18 Gordy Conn, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
09:08:27 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:09:48 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:10:08 Gordy Conn, DOR
09:11:04 Chair Redfield
09:11:23 Gordy Conn, DOR
09:12:13 Vice Chair Beard
09:12:35 Gordy Conn, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

09:13:53 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 527

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:15:27 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 527, Revise laws related to affordable housing tax exemptions.

09:17:28 Rep. White entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:17:37 Maureen Rude, Self
09:19:13 Don St. Peter, Self
09:23:00 Andrea Davis, Homeward
09:26:44 Don Sterhan, Mountain Plains Equity Group (MPEG)

09:29:23 Rep. Fuller left the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:30:40 Nicholas Gochis, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:31:01 Rep. Fern
09:31:38 Don Sterhan, MPEG
09:33:33 Rep. Fern
09:33:56 Don Sterhan, MPEG
09:34:52 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:35:23 Nick Gochis, DOR
09:35:40 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:35:49 Nick Gochis, DOR
09:35:57 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:36:08 Vice Chair Beard
09:36:46 Don Sterhan, MPEG
09:37:46 Rep. Fern
09:38:49 Maureen Rude, Self
09:41:37 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
09:42:18 Maureen Rude, Self
09:43:59 Vice Chair Beard
09:44:37 Rep. Z. Brown
09:45:19 Maureen Rude, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

09:45:52 Rep. Z. Brown

09:47:12 Chair Redfield

09:47:37 Recessed
10:06:10 Reconvened

10:06:12 Chair Redfield

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 365

10:06:52 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 365 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:07:01 Rep. Fern

10:07:30 Rep. Fuller entered the meeting.

10:07:40 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:08:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:09:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 365 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372

10:10:08 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 372 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:10:24 Rep. Marler

10:11:22 Rep. Welch

10:12:00 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier made a substitute motion that **HB 372 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Welch voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 394

10:13:34 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 394 DO PASS**.

10:13:44 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 394 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(tah38a02)

Discussion:

10:13:55 Chair Redfield

10:14:04 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:14:21 Rep. White

10:14:43 Vice Chair Z. Brown

10:15:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:16:04 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 394 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

10:16:17 Rep. Fuller

10:16:49 Rep. Dunwell

10:18:12 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:19:02 Rep. Fern

10:19:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 449

10:21:10 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 449 DO PASS**.

10:21:15 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 449 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah38a03)

Discussion:

10:21:32 Rep. Fern
10:22:32 Chair Redfield

10:22:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. White voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:23:03 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 449 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:23:10 Rep. Fern

10:23:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. Redfield and Rep. B. Smith voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:25:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 449 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 462

10:25:33 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 462 DO PASS.**

10:25:44 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 462 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah38a04)

Discussion:

10:25:56 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:25:59 Megan Moore, LSD
10:27:14 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:28:24 Rep. White
10:28:47 Rep. Marler

10:29:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Kerr-Carpenter and Rep. Marler voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:30:34 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 462 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:30:45 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:31:08 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:31:43 Rep. White
10:33:05 Rep. Dunwell
10:33:47 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:34:02 Megan Moore, LSD

10:34:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 514

10:35:52 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 514 DO PASS.**

10:36:01 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 514 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah38a05)

Discussion:

10:36:23 Rep. Dunwell
10:37:22 Rep. White
10:38:11 Rep. Dunwell
10:38:44 Gordy Conn, DOR
10:39:33 Chair Redfield

10:39:45 Without objection, Rep. Dunwell withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

10:39:57 Without objection, Rep. Beard withdrew the DO PASS motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 527

10:40:20 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 527 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:40:28 Rep. Welch

10:40:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

Note: The fiscal note arrived showing zero fiscal impact. Chair Redfield approved HB 527 be reported out of committee on February 25, 2019.

EXHIBIT(tah38a06)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 489

10:41:18 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 489 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:41:34 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:42:11 Rep. Dunwell

10:43:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:44:15 Rep. Marler

10:44:52 Chair Redfield
10:45:58 Rep. Zolnikov
10:46:08 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:46:43

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah38aad.pdf](#))