

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on March 20, 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. 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. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)

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 654, 3/12/2019; SB 253, 3/12/2019

HEARING ON HB 654**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:01 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 654, Generally revise laws for funding of treatment courts.

09:04:06 Rep. Marler entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:14 Jon Bennion, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:23:15 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

09:27:10 Zoe Barnard, Montana Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

09:28:16 Jennifer Blossom, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

09:32:55 Leah Lindahl, Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA)

09:35:33 Chuck Denowh, Montana Policy Institute

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09:35:50 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

09:36:15 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:36:36 Rep. White

09:37:38 Leah Lindahl, HDA

09:38:46 Rep. White

09:40:29 Rep. Zach Brown

09:42:46 Rep. White

09:43:00 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

09:44:07 Rep. White

09:44:44 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

09:45:28 Rep. R. Knudsen

09:46:10 Greg Dorrington, MMA

09:46:36 Rep. R. Knudsen

09:47:28 Rep. Zach Brown

09:47:45 Rep. R. Knudsen

09:48:26 Jon Bennion, DOJ

09:48:59 Rep. R. Knudsen

09:49:24 Jon Bennion, DOJ

09:50:23 Rep. Dunwell

09:50:56 Rep. Zach Brown

09:52:24 Rep. Dunwell

09:53:15 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

09:53:59 Rep. Dunwell

09:54:06 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

09:54:12 Rep. Fern

09:54:51 Jon Bennion, DOJ

09:56:04 Rep. Fern

09:56:46 Jon Bennion, DOJ
09:59:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:59:52 Rep. Zach Brown
10:00:19 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:00:46 Rep. Zach Brown
10:02:13 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:02:32 Rep. Zach Brown
10:02:40 Rep. Fuller
10:03:17 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:03:43 Rep. Fuller
10:04:20 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:04:35 Vice Chair Beard
10:04:57 Jon Bennion, DOJ
10:05:09 Vice Chair Beard
10:05:44 Jon Bennion, DOJ
10:05:57 Vice Chair Beard
10:06:36 Rep. Zach Brown
10:07:22 Vice Chair Beard
10:07:34 Jon Bennion, DOJ
10:07:44 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:08:10 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
10:09:08 Rep. R. Knudsen
10:10:19 Jon Bennion, DOJ
10:11:47 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:12:10 Jon Bennion, DOJ
10:14:03 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:14:36 Jennifer Blosson, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

10:17:34 Rep. Zach Brown

10:17:50 Rep. Zach Brown left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 253

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:19:16 Sen. Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 253, Revise the tax lien and tax deed process for residential property.

10:22:50 Chair Redfield left the meeting.
10:22:51 Vice Chair Beard assumed the chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:24:16 Clint Brown, Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF)

10:29:32 Rep. Dunwell left the meeting.
10:29:34 Vice Chair Z. Brown joined the meeting

10:31:37 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity-Montana (AFP-Montana)

10:33:57 Rep. Marler left the meeting.
10:36:42 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.
10:37:18 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:38:29 Kevin J. Larkin, Montana County Treasures Association

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a06\)](#)

10:50:13 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association
10:54:32 Rep. Redfield joined the meeting and resumed the chair.
10:55:03 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.
10:57:36 Vice Chair. Z. Brown left the meeting.

10:55:27 Jared Hollinger, Guardian Tax Partners, Inc.
11:01:52 Terri Kunz, Jefferson County Treasurer
11:06:35 Sandy Christensen, Richland County Treasurer
11:08:49 Pam Purinton, Boomer Oil & Gas

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a07\)](#)

11:14:16 Betty Romo, Montana County Treasures Association
11:26:19 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association
11:29:40 Tyler Gernant, Missoula County

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a08\)](#)

11:32:55 Mary Jane DiSanti, Gallatin County Delinquent Taxes
11:35:30 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasures Association (MCTA)
11:36:58 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
11:39:39 Jennifer Blossom, Gallatin County Treasurer
11:42:52 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
11:46:30 Ron Devlin, Dawson County

[EXHIBIT\(tah57a09\)](#)

11:47:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association

Informational Testimony:

11:49:39 Kory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:49:58 Rep. White
11:51:28 Kory Hofland, DOR
11:52:09 Rep. Dunwell
11:52:26 Rocky Haralson, MCTA
11:52:35 Rep. Dunwell
11:52:57 Rocky Haralson, MCTA

11:54:01 Rep. Smith
11:54:22 Kevin J. Larkin, Montana County Treasurers Association
11:55:30 Rep. Smith
11:54:53 Kevin J. Larkin, Montana County Treasurers Association
11:55:33 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

11:55:53 Sen. Smith

12:02:34 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:03:16

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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