

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on March 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (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 630, 3/13/2019; HB 636, 3/13/2019
Executive Action: HB 144; HB 458; HB 654

09:05:33 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 636

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:46 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 636, Revise laws related to protested taxes.

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Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:17 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
09:13:16 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
09:14:38 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
09:15:20 Dan Whyte, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
09:17:38 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
09:19:24 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
09:20:24 Elliott Crump, Shelby Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony:

09:23:13 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
09:30:01 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
09:32:47 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Informational Testimony:

09:33:50 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)
09:34:11 Kathleen Wanner, Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:34:41 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:34:51 Rep. Jones
09:36:04 Rep. Dunwell
09:36:54 Rep. Jones
09:37:26 Rep. Dunwell
09:37:46 Rep. Jones
09:38:46 Rep. Dunwell
09:39:35 Dan Whyte, DOR
09:41:13 Rep. Dunwell
09:41:52 Dan Whyte, DOR

09:41:43 Rep. Redfield entered the meeting.

09:41:52 Dan Whyte, DOR
09:43:04 Rep. Fern
09:44:27 Lance Melton, MSBA
09:47:59 Rep. Fern
09:48:12 Lance Melton, MSBA
09:48:58 Rep. Fuller
09:49:39 Alan Olson, MPA
09:52:41 Rep. Fuller
09:52:58 Alan Olson, MPA

09:53:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:54:00 Dan Whyte, DOR
09:54:24 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:55:04 Dan Whyte, DOR
09:56:10 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:56:32 Dan Whyte, DOR
09:56:51 Lance Melton, MSBA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:58:36 Rep. Jones

10:03:15 Rep. Abbott entered the meeting.

10:04:30 Rep. Redfield assumed the Chair.

10:05:10 Chair Redfield
10:05:20 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

HEARING ON HB 630

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:07:09 Rep. Shane Morigeau (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 630, Revise laws related to cryptocurrency.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:21:18 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:23:13 Rep. Fuller
10:24:05 Rep. Morigeau
10:26:12 Rep. Fuller
10:26:53 Rep. Morigeau
10:28:14 Rep. Zolnikov
10:29:44 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:30:13 Rep. Morigeau
10:31:39 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:32:15 Rep. Morigeau
10:33:32 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:33:51 Rep. Morigeau
10:34:39 Rep. Zolnikov
10:35:08 Rep. Morigeau
10:35:48 Chair Redfield
10:35:54 Rep. Marler
10:36:18 Rep. Morigeau
10:39:04 Rep. Smith
10:39:18 Rep. Morigeau

Closing by Sponsor:

10:42:25 Rep. Morigeau

10:43:54 Megan Moore, LSD

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10:45:41 Recessed

11:20:45 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14411:20:56 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 144 DO PASS AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.****Discussion:**

11:21:21 Vice Chair Z. Brown

11:21:26 Chair Redfield

11:21:50 Vice Chair Z. Brown

11:21:57 Chair Redfield

11:22:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter and Rep. Marler voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Marler and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 300**11:23:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. White moved that **THE COMMITTEE PASS CONSIDERATION ON HB 300.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 458**11:23:46 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 458 DO PASS.**11:24:02 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 458 BE AMENDED.**
(See Exhibit 2)**Discussion:**

11:24:22 Megan Moore, LSD

11:25:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Marler and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.11:25:32 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 458 DO PASS AS AMENDED.****Discussion:**

11:25:45 Chair Redfield

11:26:12 Rep. Fern

- 11:27:24 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.
- 11:27:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. B. Smith voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.
- 11:29:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 458 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Marler were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 654

- 11:29:22 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 654 DO PASS**.
- 11:29:29 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 654 BE AMENDED**.
(See Exhibit 3)

Discussion:

- 11:29:44 Rep. Z. Brown
- 11:30:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.
- 11:30:19 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 654 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
- 11:30:30 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 654 BE AMENDED**.
(See Exhibit 4)

Discussion:

- 11:30:40 Rep. Z. Brown
- 11:32:04 Rep. Hertz
- 11:33:00 Rep. Dunwell
- 11:33:31 Rep. Z. Brown
- 11:33:47 Rep. Fern
- 11:34:16 Rep. Z. Brown
- 11:34:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.
- 11:36:15 Rep. White
- 11:38:04 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
- 11:38:14 Rep. Z. Brown
- 11:39:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 654 BE POSTPONED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.
- 11:39:37 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40:18

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah59aad.pdf](#))