

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on March 25, 2019 at 10:00 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. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
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. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
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 707, 3/22/2019; HB 733, 3/22/2019  
Executive Action: HB 300; HB 618; HB 630; HB 636; HB 654

10:02:02 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter entered the meeting.  
10:02:10 Rep. Hertz entered the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HB 733**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:02:39 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 733, Revise temporary exemption for certain tribal property.

[EXHIBIT\(tah61a01\)](#)

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

10:06:13 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

10:07:57 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

10:10:43 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

10:12:50 Gordy Conn, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:13:54 Rep. Fern

10:14:40 Jordan Thompson, CSKT

10:14:45 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.

10:15:21 Rep. Fern

10:15:51 Jordan Thompson, CSKT

10:16:16 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

10:16:46 Heather O'Loughlin, MPBC

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

10:18:06 Rep. Hertz

### **HEARING ON HB 707**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:20:00 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 707, Revise capital gains tax credit.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

10:24:50 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

[EXHIBIT\(tah61a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah61a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah61a04\)](#)

10:27:34 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

10:29:13 Eric Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

10:30:31 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health and Social Services Coalition

10:33:04 Joel Peden, Montana Center for Independent Living (MCIL)

10:37:38 Zuri Moreno, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU-MT)  
10:38:31 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
10:39:32 S.J. Howell, Montana Women Vote (MWV)  
10:40:55 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network  
10:41:21 Laurel Hesse, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:42:13 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)  
10:45:59 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
10:48:30 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:49:21 Rep. Fuller  
10:49:41 Rep. Abbott  
10:50:13 Rep. Fuller  
10:50:26 Rep. Abbott  
10:50:48 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:51:28 Lee Baerlocher, DOR  
10:52:07 Rep. Smith  
10:52:39 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
10:55:02 Rep. Smith  
10:55:13 Lee Baerlocher, DOR  
10:55:45 Rep. Dunwell  
10:57:27 S.J. Howell, MWV  
11:00:04 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health and Social Services Coalition  
11:01:10 Rep. Dunwell  
11:01:20 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
11:03:02 Vice Chair Brown  
11:03:20 Heather O'Loughlin, MPBC  
11:04:50 Rep. White  
11:05:50 Lee Baerlocher, DOR  
11:06:03 Rep. White  
11:06:18 Lee Baerlocher, DOR  
11:06:22 Rep. White  
11:07:40 Rep. Abbott  
11:08:36 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
11:10:12 Brian Olson, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)  
11:11:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
11:11:25 Brian Olson, (DOR)  
11:11:52 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
11:12:09 Lee Baerlocher, DOR  
11:12:25 Brian Olson, DOR  
11:13:24 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
11:13:28 Brian Olson, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:14:21 Rep. Abbott

11:15:53 Chair Redfield  
11:17:22 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 300**

11:36:51 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 300 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:36:58 Rep. White  
11:39:17 Rep. Fern  
11:40:59 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

11:44:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Fuller, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

11:45:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 300 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Redfield and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

11:46:15 Rep. Abbott and Rep. Marler left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 618**

11:47:10 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 618 DO PASS.**

11:47:22 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier made a substitute motion that **HB 618 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. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 630**

11:48:57 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 630 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:49:01 Rep. Zolnikov  
11:49:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 636**

11:50:37 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 636 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:50:43 Chair Redfield

11:50:50 Megan Moore, LSD

11:51:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 636 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(tah61a05\)](#)

11:52:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 636 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Marler voted by proxy.

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 654

11:52:40 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 654 DO PASS AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ON MARCH 22, 2019**.

#### Discussion:

11:52:56 Megan Moore, LSD

11:53:03 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 654 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(tah61a06\)](#)

#### Discussion:

11:53:11 Rep. Z. Brown

11:54:40 Rep. White

11:55:07 Rep. Z. Brown

11:56:18 Rep. Marler entered the meeting.

11:56:44 Rep. White

11:57:59 Rep. Welch

11:59:02 Rep. Smith

11:59:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

12:00:14 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 654 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

#### Discussion:

12:00:30 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

12:01:31 **Motion:** Rep. Fuller moved that **HB 654 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(tah61a07\)](#)

#### Discussion:

12:01:53 Vice Chair Z. Brown

12:02:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

12:02:43      **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 654 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:02:57      Rep. Marler

12:04:18      Rep. Z. Brown

12:04:54      **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

12:05:18      Chair Redfield

12:06:04      Megan Moore, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:06:17

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tah61aad.pdf](#))**