

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on April 9, 2019 at 8:00 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. 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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 265, 4/3/2019; SB 321, 4/3/2019; SB 328, 4/3/2019
Executive Action: SB 253

08:06:07 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON SB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:06:58 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 328, Authorize local abatement of coal gross proceeds tax for surface mines.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:08:16 Steve Wade, Great Northern Properties (GNP)
08:09:35 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)
08:10:02 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
08:10:50 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
08:11:34 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:12:12 Rep. White
08:12:49 Sen. Richmond
08:12:58 Rep. White

08:13:29 Rep. Fern entered the meeting.

08:13:49 Sen. Richmond
08:14:32 Rep. Z. Brown
08:14:51 Sen. Richmond
08:15:50 Rep. Z. Brown
08:16:38 Sen. Richmond
08:17:53 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
08:18:13 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

08:19:07 Sen. Richmond

HEARING ON SB 265

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:20:18 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 265, Generally revise medical marijuana laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:00:31 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Information Association, MTCIA
09:07:44 Erica Johnston, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

09:08:01 Rep. Smith left the meeting.

09:08:24 Taylin Lang, Heirloom Remedies
09:09:23 Rep. Fern left the meeting
09:09:31 Glenn Broughton, Starrbuds
[EXHIBIT\(tah74a01\)](#)
09:13:46 Brian Monahan, Greenhouse Farmacy
09:15:14 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting.
09:17:37 Keith Erwin, Fidelity Diagnostics
09:22:07 Bobby Long, Montana Cannabis Information Association (MTCIA)
09:24:24 Jason Schager, Montana Medicals
09:25:10 Alex Gray, SD Consultants
09:27:18 Richard Abromeit, Montana Advanced Caregivers (MAC)
09:32:56 Jason Smith, Montana Advanced Caregivers (MAC)
09:36:48 Barbara Turner, Self
09:40:24 Erica Siate, Self
09:41:48 Tiffany King, Awesome Blossoms
09:43:45 Terry Lucke, Fat Hippie
09:44:27 Angela Goodhope, Self
09:45:46 Tara Holloway, Alternative Wellness

Opponents' Testimony:

09:46:58 Josh Van de Wetering, Lion Heart
09:49:40 Rep. Smith entered the meeting.
09:51:54 Rep. Welch left the meeting.
09:58:11 C.B. Pearson, Quality Control Labs and Investors
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10:09:00 Alex Keith, Self
10:14:34 Linda Tracy, Self
10:23:53 Stephen Cardella, Self
10:27:37 Loretta Wisse, Self
10:29:59 Rep. Fuller entered the meeting.

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

10:34:31 Rep. Marler
10:35:57 Sen. Jacobson
10:36:51 Rep. Marler
10:37:08 Sen. Jacobson
10:37:41 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
10:38:58 Rep. Smith
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10:41:03 Rep. Smith
10:41:06 Keith Erwin, Fidelity Diagnostics
10:41:33 Rep. Dunwell
10:42:22 Taylin Lang, Heirloom Remedies
10:44:41 Rep. Dunwell
10:46:01 Sen. Jacobson
10:47:49 Rep. Abbott
10:48:16 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
10:49:18 Vice Chair Beard
10:49:44 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

10:49:49 Rep. Fern entered the meeting.

10:50:10 Vice Chair Beard
10:50:15 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
10:50:41 Vice Chair Beard
10:51:07 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
10:51:59 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:52:42 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
10:53:03 Sen. Jacobson
10:53:19 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:54:41 Sen. Jacobson
10:54:47 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:54:53 Sen. Jacobson
10:56:56 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:57:06 Sen. Jacobson
10:57:19 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:57:47 Sen. Jacobson
11:00:18 Rep. Dunwell
11:00:47 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
11:01:43 Rep. Marler
11:02:26 Sen. Jacobson
11:05:59 Vice Chair Z. Brown
11:06:28 Kate Cholewa, Four Gates Consulting
11:07:54 Vice Chair Z. Brown
11:08:30 Kate Cholewa, Four Gates Consulting
11:10:58 Vice Chair Z. Brown
11:11:30 Kate Cholewa, Four Gates Consulting
11:14:18 Rep. Abbott
11:14:41 Kate Cholewa, Four Gates Consulting
11:19:43 Rep. Smith
11:20:10 Sen. Jacobson
11:21:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:22:33 Sen. Jacobson
11:26:26 Chair Redfield
11:26:39 Sen. Jacobson
11:27:53 Chair Redfield
11:28:24 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

11:29:16 Chair Redfield
11:29:34 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
11:30:35 Vice Chair Beard
11:30:45 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

11:31:04 Sen. Jacobson

HEARING ON SB 321

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:33:19 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 321, Revise laws pertaining to targeted economic development districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:38:43 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:39:49 Rep. Marler
11:40:16 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

Closing by Sponsor:

11:41:11 Sen. Hoven

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 253

11:42:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 253 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED ON APRIL 5, 2019.** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz, Rep. Kassmier and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Galt will carry the bill.

11:44:20 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45:07

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah74aad.pdf](#))