

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on April 10, 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. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (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: SB 337, 4/3/2019; SB 338, 4/3/2019; SB 346, 4/3/2019;  
SB 360, 4/3/2019

08:03:10 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.  
08:03:11 Rep. Abbott entered the meeting.  
08:04:11 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter entered the meeting.  
08:04:53 Rep. Marler entered the meeting.

### HEARING ON SB 346

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:32 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 346, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:05 Sarah Garcia, Montana Department of Justice/Motor Vehicle Division (DOJ/MVD)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a02\)](#)

08:09:24 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting.

08:18:16 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

08:18:35 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:19:29 Rep. White  
08:20:09 Sarah Garcia, DOJ/MVD  
08:20:36 Rep. White  
08:20:51 Sarah Garcia, DOJ/MVD  
08:21:23 Rep. White  
08:22:00 Sarah Garcia, DOJ/MVD  
08:22:43 Rep. White  
08:22:57 Sarah Garcia, DOJ/MVD  
08:23:49 Rep. Abbott  
08:24:01 Sarah Garcia, DOJ/MVD  
08:24:32 Rep. Abbott  
08:24:39 Sarah Garcia, DOT-MVD  
08:24:53 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
08:25:12 Sarah Garcia, DOJ/MVD  
08:26:26 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen  
08:26:56 Sarah Garcia, DOJ/MVD  
08:27:06 Joann Loehr, Montana Department of Transportation/Motor Vehicle Division (DOJ/MVD)

#### Closing by Sponsor:

08:28:13 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 337****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:28:33 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 337, Revise income tax credit for alternative energy generation.

08:29:06 Rep. Marler left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:30:45 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:31:34 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

08:32:19 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:32:35 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:32:56 Sen. Welborn

08:33:34 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:33:50 Sen. Welborn

08:34:10 Rep. Zolnikov

08:34:42 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:36:56 Rep. Zolnikov

08:37:21 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:37:44 Vice Chair Beard

08:37:58 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:38:12 Rep. Fern

08:38:41 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:40:19 Rep. Dunwell

08:40:55 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

08:41:00 Rep. Dunwell

08:41:25 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

08:41:52 Rep. Dunwell

08:41:56 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

08:42:07 Vice Chair Beard

08:42:39 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:43:31 Vice Chair Beard

08:43:51 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:45:28 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:45:54 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

08:46:17 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:46:30 Peter Mohr, Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:47:02 Sen. Welborn

**HEARING ON SB 360****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:47:36 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 360, Revise sales tax on rental cars.

08:49:41 Rep. Zolnikov and Vice Chair Z. Brown left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:50:34 Gene Walborn, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a03\)](#)

08:56:57 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students

08:57:24 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

08:58:01 Brenna Love, Montana Associated Students

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:58:56 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

08:59:14 Rep. White and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway left the meeting.

09:01:23 Jarrin Burke, Enterprise Rental Car

09:03:26 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

09:05:24 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

09:07:07 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:07:28 Rep. Fern

09:08:20 Director Walborn, DOR

09:08:52 Rep. Fern

09:09:28 Director Walborn, DOR

09:09:45 Rep. Dunwell

09:10:14 Director Walborn, DOR

09:10:28 Sen. Jacobson

09:11:02 Rep. Dunwell

09:11:45 Director Walborn, DOR

09:12:15 Rep. Abbott

09:12:43 Jarrin Burke, Enterprise Rental Car

09:13:34 Rep. Abbott

09:14:02 Jarrin Burke, Enterprise Rental Car

09:14:19 Vice Chair Beard

09:15:30 Director Walborn, DOR

09:16:01 Vice Chair Beard

09:16:24 Director Walborn, DOR

09:17:17 Chair Redfield

09:17:28 Director Walborn, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:18:16 Sen Jacobson

**HEARING ON SB 338****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:21:31 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 338, Provide for construction of the Montana Heritage Center and create museum grants.

09:24:45 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:25:54 Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a07\)](#)

09:26:12 Rep. White entered the meeting.

09:31:36 Leo Berry, Self

09:33:22 Jennifer Bottomly-O'Looney, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a08\)](#)

09:34:29 Bill Whitsitt, Self

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a09\)](#)

09:36:35 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

09:40:16 Matt Lautzenheiser, Museums Association of Montana

09:41:50 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)

09:43:09 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)

09:44:33 David Smith, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

09:45:08 Eric Feaver, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

09:46:06 Ed Jasmin, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

09:47:32 Jane Hamman, Self

09:48:27 Darlene Gould, Daly Mansion

09:50:23 Jenna Peete, Moss Mansion

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a11\)](#)

09:54:27 Russ Katherman, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

09:55:14 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce, Billings Chamber of Commerce

09:55:42 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce (HCC)

09:57:44 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

10:00:15 Thomas Nygard, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

10:02:11 Denise King, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah75a13\)](#)

10:03:12 Charles Jezick, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:03:56 Ron Jarrett, Self

**Informational Testimony:**

10:05:39 Jennifer Olson, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:06:08 Rep. White  
10:06:55 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:08:04 Rep. White  
10:08:11 Megan Moore, LSD  
10:08:54 Rep. Dunwell  
10:09:36 Stuart Doggett, MLHA  
10:10:33 Vice Chair Beard  
10:11:22 Sen. Gauthier  
10:12:11 Vice Chair Beard  
10:12:20 Sen. Gauthier  
10:13:08 Vice Chair Beard  
10:13:28 Sen. Gauthier  
10:14:54 Chair Redfield  
10:15:20 Stuart Doggett, MLHA  
10:15:44 Chair Redfield  
10:15:51 Stuart Doggett, MLHA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:16:12 Sen. Gauthier  
  
10:17:03 Chair Redfield  
10:18:08 Megan Moore, LSD  
10:18:26 Rep. Abbott  
10:18:34 Chair Redfield  
10:19:07 Rep. Marler  
10:19:10 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:19:41

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah75aad.pdf](#))