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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on January 22, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

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 96, 1/15/2019

08:00:51 Chair Webb

HEARING ON SB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:53 Sen. Frank Smith (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 96, Provide for taxation of vapor products.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:03:56 Todd Harwell, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(tas12a01\)](#)

08:05:30 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

08:06:37 Keith Bowman, ECig Vapor Juice Store

[EXHIBIT\(tas12a02\)](#)

08:12:06 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

08:14:18 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

08:16:05 Chuck Denowh

[EXHIBIT\(tas12a03\)](#)

08:16:33 Deanna Marshall, Freedom Vapes

[EXHIBIT\(tas12a04\)](#)

08:19:53 Ron Marshall, Freedom Vapes

[EXHIBIT\(tas12a05\)](#)

08:25:11 Ronnie Fredrick, Sammi's Smoke Shop

08:27:10 Jason Cornfeld, Old Skool Vape Society

08:27:27 Tyler Tomsheck, Sammi's Smoke Shop

08:28:56 Karen Lensing, Montanajo E-Cigs

08:29:12 Derek Ambrun, Mountain Man Vapor

08:29:27 Lucas Anderson, uBlaze Vapor

[EXHIBIT\(tas12a06\)](#)

Additional Proponents:

08:32:08 Kristin Page-Nei, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN)

08:38:31 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials, Montana Public Health Association, Montana Environmental Health Association

08:38:44 Sen. Blasdel left the hearing.

08:39:54 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association

08:40:28 Lois Fitzpatrick, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

08:42:10 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health and Social Services Coalition

08:42:44 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans

Informational Testimony:

08:43:39 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:45:01 Sen. Barrett
08:46:08 Mr. Harwell, DPHHS
08:46:28 Sen. Barrett
08:47:20 Sen. Smith
08:47:34 Sen. Hoven
08:48:51 Mr. Harwell
08:49:21 Sen. Phillips
08:51:06 Mr. Harwell
08:51:11 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division
08:51:58 Sen. Barrett
08:52:30 Ms. Page-Nei, ACSCAN

Closing by Sponsor:

08:52:48 Sen. Smith

08:53:45 Chair Webb

Committee Business:

08:54:30 Chair Webb
08:54:46 Stephanie Morrison, lead revenue analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
EXHIBIT(tas12a07)

08:59:00 Chair Webb*

08:59:06 Sen. Gillespie
08:59:27 Ms. Morrison, LFD
09:00:00 Chair Webb
09:00:18 Ms. Morrison
09:01:08 Chair Webb
09:02:30 Sen. Pomnichowski
09:02:44 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:03 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Document

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EXHIBIT([tas12aad.pdf](#))