

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on March 20, 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: HB 527, 3/13/2019; HB 462, 3/13/2019, HB 394, 3/13/2019

08:02:03 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 527

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:06 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 527, Revise laws related to affordable housing tax exemptions.

08:04:31 Chair Webb left the hearing.

08:04:32 Vice Chair Hoven assumed the role of the Chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:05 Maureen Rude, self

08:07:05 Jason Harby, St. Peter Law Offices

08:07:47 Andrea Davis, Homeward

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:09:04 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:09:27 Rep. Brown

08:10:08 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON HB 462

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:11:22 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 462, Revise administration of tax increment financing districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:13:38 Kevin Nelson, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a02\)](#)

08:21:34 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

08:22:13 Ken Fichtler, Governor's Office of Economic Development

08:24:27 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a03\)](#)

08:36:45 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

08:36:59 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Bozeman

08:37:17 Kristen Rosa, Economic Development, City and County of Butte-Silver Bow

08:38:29 Jilayne Dunn, Missoula Redevelopment Agency

08:40:11 Tim Goodridge, City of Billings
08:43:25 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City Commission

Informational Testimony:

08:44:48 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)
08:47:21 Alyssa Sorenson, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:47:42 Sen. Pomnichowski
08:50:24 Rep. Burnett
08:50:35 Sen. Barrett
08:51:32 Sen. Pomnichowski
08:51:49 Rep. Burnett
08:52:17 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division
08:53:41 Sen. Phillips
08:54:22 Mr. Nelson, self

08:56:11 Chair Hoven left the hearing.

08:56:40 Sen. Phillips
08:57:23 Rep. Burnett

08:58:22 Vice Chair Barrett assumed the role of the Chair.

08:58:27 Sen. Richmond
08:58:54 Ms. Sorenson, LAD
09:02:32 Sen. Cohenour
09:03:04 Ms. Sorenson
09:03:21 Sen. Cohenour
09:04:54 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
09:05:28 Sen. McClafferty
09:05:39 Ms. Lynch
09:05:47 Sen. Tempel
09:06:04 Ms. Lynch
09:06:47 Sen. Gillespie
09:08:22 Mr. Bronson, Great Falls
09:08:38 Sen. Cohenour
09:09:11 Mr. Caplis, DOR
09:10:03 Sen. Gillespie
09:10:41 Mr. Nelson
09:14:04 Chair Barrett
09:18:41 Ms. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

09:18:52 Rep. Burnett

09:20:07 Chair Barrett

HEARING ON HB 394

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:20:30 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 394, Revise property tax appraisal and tax appeal process.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:24:26 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

09:25:41 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

09:26:47 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue

Informational Testimony:

09:36:22 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board (MTAB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:37:06 Sen. Phillips

09:39:22 Mr. McAlpin, MTAB

Closing by Sponsor:

09:40:27 Rep. Hertz

09:42:20 Sen. Hoven entered the hearing.

09:44:41 Chair Barrett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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