

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Brian Hoven, on March 21, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317
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 340, 3/18/2019

09:00:38 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON SB 340

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:57 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 340, Authorize statewide economic opportunity district.

[EXHIBIT\(tas58a01\)](#)

09:06:23 Sen. Cohenour entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:14:15 Kevin Iffland, City of Billings

09:25:18 Steve Arveschoug, Big Sky Economic Development (BSED)

[EXHIBIT\(tas58a02\)](#)

09:41:15 Al Ekblad, Montana AFL-CIO

09:46:16 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA); Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

09:48:38 Bill Cole, mayor, City of Billings

09:54:07 Bob Kelly, mayor, City of Great Falls; Montana League of Cities and Towns

09:55:49 Rick Edwards, self

09:57:44 Lenette Kosovich, Rimrock Foundation

09:59:59 Scott Wilson, CTA Architects Engineers

10:03:21 Patrice Elliott, Billings Chamber of Commerce; Stockman Bank

10:08:23 Chair Hoven

10:09:44 Penny Zacharisen, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

10:10:43 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

10:11:36 Stephen Cattarin, Visit Billings, Billings TBID

10:13:55 Randy Hafer, High Plains Architect

10:15:02 Jeremy Vannatta, Payne West Insurance

10:17:59 Eugenia Castro Waller, Billings Chamber Commerce

10:19:34 Kim Kaiser, YMCA State Alliance

10:21:09 Norman Miller, self

10:22:42 Keith Hart, self

10:25:12 Penny Ronning, City of Billings; Yellowstone County Human Area Trafficking Task Force

10:27:49 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Bozeman

10:30:10 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

10:30:45 Richard Clark, City of Billings

10:31:18 Cory Moore, Big Sky Economic Development Authority

10:32:46 Mike Nelson, Big Sky Economic Development Corporation

10:33:54 Steve Wahrlich, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

Opponents' Testimony:

10:34:31 Terry Odegard, self

10:38:36 Pam Ellis, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas58a03\)](#)

10:49:01 Kevin Nelson, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas58a04\)](#)

10:54:12 Ronda Wiggers, WC Commercial

11:06:03 EJ Redding, Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

11:06:57 Pam Purinton, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:10:48 Sen. Barrett

11:20:55 Sen. Webb

11:21:18 Sen. Phillips

11:25:18 Sen. Webb

11:25:57 Sen. Phillips

11:26:05 Sen. Cohenour

11:26:47 Sen. Webb

11:27:14 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:28:01 Sen. Cohenour

11:31:29 Sen. Webb

11:31:57 Sen. Tempel

11:32:50 Sen. Webb

11:33:26 Sen. Pomnichowski

11:37:00 Sen. Webb

11:37:07 Mr. Coles, LSD

11:37:40 Sen. Pomnichowski

11:41:18 Sen. Webb

11:41:44 Sen. Gillespie

11:43:48 Sen. Webb

11:43:56 Chair Hoven

11:45:29 Allison Corbyn, Big Sky Economic Development

11:47:57 Chair Hoven

11:48:06 Mr. Arveschoug, BSED

11:48:44 Sen. Barrett

11:54:33 Mr. Arveschoug

11:55:31 Sen. Cohenour

11:56:09 Sen. Webb

11:56:48 Sen. Phillips

11:59:22 Mr. Arveschoug

12:00:54 Sen. Hoven

12:00:59 Mr. Arveschoug

Closing by Sponsor:

12:03:36 Sen. Webb

12:08:14 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:08 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

cd

Additional Documents:

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas58aad.pdf](#))