

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order Chair Becky Beard, on January 7, 2021 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Becky Beard, Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Murphy, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kathy Sangray, 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 52, 1/5/2021; HB 17, 1/5/2021, HB 23, 1/5/2021

08:36:43 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:36:54 Chair Beard
08:36:59 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

HEARING ON HB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:37:27 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 52, Revise property tax reporting and clarifying AUM calculations.

08:40:28 Chair Beard

Proponents' Testimony:

08:41:22 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)
[EXHIBIT\(tah04a01\)](#)

08:43:11 Chair Beard

08:44:12 Megan Moore, LSD

08:44:16 Chair Beard

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:45:22 Rep. Brewster
08:46:08 Rep. Welch
08:46:55 Chair Beard
08:47:15 Rep. Malone
08:48:46 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:49:53 Rep. Malone
08:50:08 Rep. Welch
08:50:15 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:51:07 Rep. Kerns
08:51:46 Rep. Welch
08:52:58 Megan Moore, LSD
08:53:23 Chair Beard

Closing by Sponsor:

08:53:30 Rep. Welch

08:54:41 Chair Beard

HEARING ON HB 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:55:11 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 17, Allow alternative energy system tax credit to be refunded.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:01:05 Ruben Kastren, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
09:01:52 Chair Beard
09:02:12 Megan Moore, LSD
09:02:17 Joan Kresich, Yellowstone Bend Citizens Council
09:04:21 Tyler Mortenson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

EXHIBIT(tah04a02)

09:06:40 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewal Energy Association (MREA)

EXHIBIT(tah04a03)

09:10:38 Connor Ploeger, Montana Environmental Information Center, (MEIC)
09:13:44 Rep. Marler
09:14:18 Megan Moore, LSD
09:15:45 Rep. Dunwell
09:16:45 Nicola Laverack, Onsite Energy

EXHIBIT(tah04a04)

09:19:19 Chair Beard

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

09:20:48 Rep. R. Knudsen
09:21:31 Rep. Hamilton
09:22:05 Vice Chair Fern
09:23:26 Rep. Hamilton
09:24:05 Rep. Dunwell
09:24:52 Andrew Valainis, MREA
09:26:52 Rep. Kerns
09:27:38 Rep. Hamilton
09:27:53 Rep. Feilder
09:28:58 Rep. Hamilton
09:29:30 Vice Chair Welch
09:29:52 Rep. Hamilton
09:30:20 Rep. Kerns
09:31:37 Rep. Hamilton
09:31:46 Vice Chair Fern
09:34:21 Nicola Laverack, Onsite Energy
09:36:55 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:37:31 Nicola Laverack, Onsite Energy
09:37:51 Rep. Hamilton
09:38:04 Megan Moore, LSD
09:38:34 Rep. Mitchell
09:39:03 Rep. Hamilton
09:40:22 Rep. Trebas
09:41:02 Rep. Hamilton
09:41:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

09:42:23 Rep. Hamilton
09:42:48 Megan Moore, LSD
09:43:02 Rep. C. Hinkle
09:44:25 Rep. Hamilton
09:44:52 Megan Moore, LSD
09:45:07 Rep. Hamilton
09:45:14 Chair Beard

Closing by Sponsor:

09:45:22 Rep. Hamilton
09:47:38 Chair Beard
09:48:29 Vice Chair Welch assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:48:47 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 23, Revise tax lien and tax deed process.

[EXHIBIT\(tah04a05\)](#)

09:50:32 Chair Welch

Proponents' Testimony:

09:50:55 Treasurer Terri Kunz, Jefferson County; Montana County Treasurer Association
09:56:07 Betty Romo, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

[EXHIBIT\(tah04a06\)](#)

10:03:36 Chair Welch
10:04:01 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(tah04a07\)](#)

10:06:26 Rep. R. Knudsen
10:06:52 Eric Bryson, MACo

Opponents' Testimony:

10:07:38 William Gowan, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)
10:10:23 Chair Welch
10:10:58 Aimee Grmoljez, Crowley Fleck
10:13:05 Chair Welch

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:14:05 Vice Chair Fern
10:14:55 Betty Romo, MCTA
10:16:51 Vice Chair Fern
10:16:58 Rep. Trebas
10:17:41 Rep. Beard
10:17:57 Chair Welch

10:18:06 Betty Romo, MCTA
10:20:15 Rep. Trebas

10:21:14 Chair Welch

Closing by Sponsor:

10:21:28 Rep. Beard

10:22:44 Rep. Caleb Hinkle

10:24:14 Chair Welch

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:32:36

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah04aad.pdf](#))