

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Becky Beard, on January 12, 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. 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)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (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 111, 1/12/2021; HB 125,  
1/12/2021

**HEARING ON HB 111****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:34:32 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 111, Revise income tax law to exempt military pensions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:37:36 Tom Johnson, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
08:43:12 Chair Beard  
08:43:35 Tom Johnson (VFW)  
08:43:47 Chair Beard  
08:44:33 Roger Hagan, MT Department of American Legion, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana; Montana National Guard Association.  
08:48:16 Chair Beard  
08:48:38 Daniel Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce  
08:50:45 Chair Beard

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:52:00 Rose Bender, Montana Budget & Policy Center  
08:53:42 Chair Beard

**Informational Testimony:**

08:54:22 Micah Christiansen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:54:50 Chair Beard  
08:54:57 Rep. Trebas  
08:55:43 Chair Beard  
08:55:51 Rep. Trebas  
08:55:59 Rep. Fuller  
08:57:35 Rep. Kerns  
08:58:10 Rep. Marler  
08:58:42 Rep. Fuller  
08:59:32 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:00:23 Micah Christiansen, DOR  
09:01:00 Chair Beard  
09:01:09 Rep. R. Knudsen  
09:02:40 Rep. Fuller  
09:02:58 Vice Chair Fern  
09:03:54 Rep. Fuller  
09:05:42 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:06:07 Rep. Fuller  
09:06:45 Chair Beard

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:06:50 Rep. Fuller

**HEARING ON HB 125****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:08:26 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 125, Provide exemption from income tax withholding.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:12:46 David Merrien, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:13:47 Vice Chair Fern  
09:14:15 David Merrien, DOR  
09:15:06 Vice Chair Fern  
09:15:42 David Merrien, DOR  
09:16:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:16:57 David Merrien, DOR  
09:17:41 Chair Beard  
09:18:04 Rep. Trebas  
09:18:24 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:19:43 David Merrien, DOR  
09:20:45 Chair Beard

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:20:56 Rep. Trebas  
09:21:28 Chair Beard  
  
09:21:51 Recess  
09:35:24 Reconvened  
  
09:35:41 Vice Chair Welch  
09:36:05 Chair Beard  
  
09:38:51 Recess  
09:43:57 Reconvened  
  
09:44:10 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
09:44:35 Director Kurt Alme, Office of Budget and Programming (OBPP)  
09:48:53 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Programming (OBPP)  
09:55:55 Chair Beard  
09:56:02 Director Kurt Alme, OBPP  
09:56:49 Chair Beard  
09:57:28 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:58:49

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Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah07aad.pdf](#))