

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on January 14, 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. Kim Abbott (D)
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: None

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 127, 1/14/2021; HB 132, 1/14/2021; HB 53, 1/14/2020

HEARING ON HB 53**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:33:51 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 53, Revise partnership audit provisions.

08:36:14 Rep. Marler
08:36:29 Chair Beard
08:37:25 Rep. Hamilton
08:40:38 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:41:06 Rep. R. Knudsen
08:41:19 Chair Beard

Proponents' Testimony:

08:42:13 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

08:51:34 Tracee Gallo, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:53:07 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:53:52 Rep. Hamilton
08:54:11 Vice Chair Fern
08:54:55 Rep. Hamilton
08:55:56 Chair Beard

Closing by Sponsor:

08:56:03 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 132**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:58:40 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 132, Require property tax bill to include comparison to prior year.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:01:11 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)
[EXHIBIT\(tah09a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(tah09a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:09:11 Treasurer Dan Whitesitt, Ravalli County; Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)
[EXHIBIT\(tah09a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:12:52 Don Carlson, Tyler Technologies

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:13:51 Vice Chair Fern
09:14:20 Treasurer Dan Whitesitt, MCTA and Ravalli County
09:14:40 Rep. Dunwell
09:15:20 Bob Story, MonTax
09:18:06 Rep. Dunwell
09:18:27 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:18:55 Rep. Malone
09:21:47 Don Carlson, Tyler Technologies
09:23:42 Rep. Thane
09:23:50 Rep. Anderson
09:24:32 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:27:12 Don Carlson, Tyler Technologies
09:28:10 Chair Beard
09:29:52 Treasurer Dan Whitesitt, MCTA and Ravalli County
09:30:33 Chair Beard
09:31:08 Bob Story, MonTax
09:32:32 Rep. Buckley
09:33:04 Don Carlson, Tyler Technologies
09:33:48 Vice Chair Fern
09:34:54 Rep. Anderson
09:35:33 Rep. Trebas
09:36:58 Rep. Anderson
09:37:09 Bob Story, MonTax
09:38:43 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:39:16 Treasurer Dan Whitesitt, MCTA and Ravalli County
09:39:51 Vice Chair Fern
09:40:42 Bob Story, MonTax

Closing by Sponsor:

09:41:45 Rep. Anderson

HEARING ON HB 127**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:44:05 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), opened the hearing on HB 127, Revise property tax payment procedure.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:48:05 Rep. Usher
09:50:58 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
09:51:20 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity

Opponents' Testimony:

09:52:25 Bob Story, MonTax
09:55:50 Chair Beard

09:56:49 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(tah09a04)

10:01:50 Chair Beard

10:02:21 Treasurer Adele Krantz, Flathead County; Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

EXHIBIT(tah09a05)

10:06:04 Chair Beard

10:06:55 Treasurer Terri Kunz, Jefferson County, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

EXHIBIT(tah09a06)

10:09:07 Chair Beard

10:09:26 Treasurer Jennifer Blossom, Gallatin County

EXHIBIT(tah09a07)

10:11:37 Chair Beard

Informational Testimony:

10:11:53 Don Carlson, Tyler Technologies

10:12:34 Rep. Usher

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:12:53 Rep. Caleb Hinkle

10:14:46 Rep. Trebas

10:17:07 Don Carlson, Tyler Technologies

10:17:19 Vice Chair Fern

10:20:42 Treasurer Adele Kranz, Flathead County

10:21:32 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:23:36 Eric Bryson, MACo

10:24:52 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:25:24 Treasurer Terri Kunz, Jefferson County

10:27:14 Rep. R. Knudsen

10:27:54 Treasurer Adele Krantz, Flathead County

10:28:45 Vice Chair Welch

10:29:30 Rep. Carlson

10:30:20 Chair Beard

10:33:44 Treasurer Adele Krantz, Flathead County

10:34:28 Chair Beard

Closing by Sponsor:

10:34:42 Rep. Carlson

10:41:12 Chair Beard

10:41:42 Megan Moore, LSD

10:42:22 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:43:00 Kathy Sangray, Committee Clerk

10:43:48 Rep. Dunwell

10:45:31 Megan Moore, LSD

10:46:23	Chair Beard
10:47:26	Vice Chair Fern
10:48:22	Rep. Dunwell
10:49:56	Rep. Trebas
10:50:19	Chair Beard
10:50:37	Rep. Malone
10:51:06	Chair Beard
10:51:13	Megan Moore, LSD
10:51:59	Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:52:09

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah09aad.pdf](#))