

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Becky Beard, on January 19, 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. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Mark Thane (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

**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 128, 1/19/2021; HB 129,  
1/19/2021

08:31:46 Rep. Mitchell joined the meeting

### **HEARING ON HB 129**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:33:07 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 129, Revise the Family Education Savings Act.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:36:51 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity

08:38:20 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association for Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE)

08:40:11 Ron Muffick, Montana University System (MUS)

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

08:42:02 Mary Anne Busse, Great Disclosure; Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:42:38 Vice Chair Fern

08:43:37 Ron Muffick, MUS

08:44:44 Vice Chair Fern

08:45:20 Mary Anne Busse, Great Disclosure; OCHE

08:46:14 Vice Chair Fern

08:46:33 Mary Anne Busse, Great Disclosure; OCHE

08:47:12 Vice Chair Fern

08:47:43 Mary Anne Busse, Great Disclosure; OCHE

08:47:52 Rep. Kerns

08:48:49 Mary Anne Busse, Great Disclosure; OCHE

08:49:05 Rep. Fielder

08:49:37 Rep. Bedey

08:52:26 Rep. Thane

08:52:35 Rep. Bedey

08:52:48 Rep. Trebas

08:53:16 Abigail St. Lawrence, AGATE

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:53:58 Rep. Bedey

### **HEARING ON HB 128**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:55:18 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 128, Create renewable energy trust fund.

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a03\)](#)

09:00:53 Rep. Caleb Hinkle arrived

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:01:01 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

09:04:33 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:07:39 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:07:53 Vice Chair Fern

09:09:12 Rep. Reksten

09:10:19 Rep. Dunwell

09:12:59 Anne Hedges, MEIC

09:15:04 Rep. Kerns

09:16:38 Rep. Reksten

09:18:19 Rep. Fielder

09:20:12 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:24:38 Vice Chair Fern

09:26:08 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:28:03 Chair Beard

09:28:30 Rep. Thane

09:29:59 Rep. Reksten

09:31:33 Rep. Marler

09:32:16 Rep. Trebas

09:33:21 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:33:58 Vice Chair Fern

09:35:04 Rep. Reksten

09:36:14 Chair Beard

09:36:52 Rep. Reksten

09:37:04 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:37:35 Rep. Reksten

09:38:16 Rep. Dunwell

09:40:15 Megan Moore, LSD

09:40:56 Rep. Marler

09:41:50 Megan Moore, LSD

09:42:20 Chair Beard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:42:32

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Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah12aad.pdf](#))