

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on January 21, 2021 at 8:30 AM, 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. 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. Joshua Kassmier (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 150, 1/21/2021; HB 154, 1/21/2021

08:32:00 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 154

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:14 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 154, Revise resort tax population limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:39:44 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:41:18 Joe Ramler, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:41:49 Rep. Brewster
08:42:21 Rep. Fern
08:42:55 Rep. Malone
08:43:10 Joe Ramler, COM
08:50:31 Rep. R. Knudsen
08:50:51 Joe Ramler, COM
08:51:17 Rep. Malone
08:51:32 Chair Beard
08:52:06 Rep. Malone
08:52:22 Joe Ramler, COM
08:52:00 Jennifer Murphy, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
08:52:46 Joe Ramler, COM
08:53:06 Rep. Fielder
08:53:55 Rep. Fern
08:55:16 Rep. R. Knudsen
08:55:51 Rep. Fern
08:57:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:57:34 Rep. Fern
08:59:28 Rep. Thane
08:59:54 Rep. Fern
09:00:19 Rep. Marler
09:01:10 Rep. Fern
09:03:33 Rep. C. Hinkle
09:04:35 Rep. Fern
09:06:29 Rep. Dunwell
09:07:28 Rep. Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

09:10:05 Rep. Fern

HEARING ON HB 150**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:11:55 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 150, Establish a carbon cost community dividend fee on large emission sources.

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:20:18 Ruben Castren, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

09:22:34 Jonathan Matthews, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a02\)](#)

09:24:48 Rep. Mitchell

09:24:52 Johathan Matthews, self

09:25:00 Chair Beard

09:25:13 Jonathan Matthews, self

09:25:51 Linda Beischel, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a03\)](#)

09:28:41 John Rundquist, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a04\)](#)

09:29:53 Conor Ploeger, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a05\)](#)

09:31:21 Colson Williams, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a06\)](#)

09:32:26 Nicholas Hostetler, Sunrise Movement Gallatin County

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a07\)](#)

09:34:35 Madison Hebner, Forward Montana Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a08\)](#)

09:36:09 Debo Powers, self

09:39:04 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

09:41:15 Kristen Walser, Citizens Climate Lobby Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

09:44:51 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a09\)](#)

09:46:34 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a10\)](#)

09:52:12 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

09:55:00 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association

09:57:44 Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

10:00:19 Bob Gilbert, Ground Zero

10:08:17 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA); Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA); Montana Mining Association (MMA)
10:09:38 Charles Robinson, Montana Electric Cooperative Association
10:12:22 Shelby Demars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties
10:14:43 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

Informational Testimony:

10:15:59 Keith Broussard, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:16:54 Rep. Mitchell
10:17:17 Rep. Dunwell
10:22:41 Rep. Mitchell
10:23:13 Rep. Dunwell
10:23:35 Chair Beard
10:23:41 Rep. Trebas
10:25:13 Rep. Dunwell
10:25:33 Conor Ploeger, MEIC
10:25:51 Rep. Fielder
10:26:43 Rep. Dunwell
10:26:53 Conor Ploeger, MEIC
10:27:00 Rep. Fielder
10:29:46 Conor Ploeger, MEIC
10:30:41 Rep. C. Hinkle
10:31:30 Rep. Dunwell

Closing by Sponsor:

10:32:57 Rep. Dunwell

Committee Business:

10:36:21 Chair Beard
10:38:02 Rep. Buckley
10:38:38 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:38:47 Chair Beard
10:39:05 Rep. Brewster
10:39:13 Chair Beard
10:39:17 Rep. Dunwell
10:39:38 Megan Moore, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39:47

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah14aad.pdf](#))