

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Becky Beard, on January 22, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (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:**

Rep. Becky Beard, Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)  
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:** Executive Action on: HB 132; HB 150; HB 154; HB 127

**Coal Severance Tax Training:**

09:00:14 Chair Fern  
09:04:27 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**EXHIBIT(tah15a01)**

09:09:32 Chair Fern  
09:09:36 Rep. Kerns  
09:10:09 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:14:20 Vice Chair R. Knudsen  
09:15:11 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:16:20 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:16:37 Vice Chair Fern  
09:16:48 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:19:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:19:24 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:21:52 Rep. Dunwell  
09:22:15 Chair Fern  
09:22:26 Rep. Buckley  
09:22:54 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:24:31 Rep. Kerns  
09:25:19 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:26:25 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:26:57 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:29:05 Chair Fern  
09:29:14 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:36:08 Rep. Malone  
09:36:40 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:38:24 Rep. Kerns  
09:39:08 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:40:35 Rep. Thane  
09:41:27 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:42:09 Jennifer Murphy, RMC  
09:42:23 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:42:44 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:44:45 Chair Fern  
09:45:11 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:45:32 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:46:11 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:47:09 Chair Fern  
09:47:40 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
09:47:50 Chair Fern  
  
09:48:20 Recess  
10:00:33 Reconvened  
  
10:00:34 Chair Beard, Vice Chair Welch arrived  
  
10:00:49 Recess  
10:22:20 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 132**

10:22:36 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 132 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:23:17 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:23:35 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 132 BE AMENDED**  
**EXHIBIT(tah15a02)**

**Discussion:**

10:24:09 Megan Moore, LSD

10:24:54 Rep. Trebas

10:25:18 Megan Moore, LSD

10:25:30 Chair Beard

10:25:57 Rep. Dunwell

10:26:22 Rep. R. Knudsen

10:26:59 Rep. Dunwell

10:27:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

10:29:34 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 132 BE AMENDED**  
**EXHIBIT(tah15a03)**

**Discussion:**

10:29:45 Megan Moore, LSD

10:30:46 Chair Beard

10:30:51 Rep. Trebas

10:31:34 Vice Chair Welch

10:31:57 Rep. Trebas

10:32:14 Rep. Dunwell

10:33:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard and Rep. Malone voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

10:34:40 Megan Moore, LSD

10:34:44 Rep. Malone

10:35:08 Rep. Marler

10:35:28 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 132 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:35:40 Rep. Marler

10:36:13 Rep. Malone

10:36:45 Vice Chair Fern

10:37:12 Rep. Trebas

10:37:50 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Trebas and Rep. Welch voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

10:39:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 132 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. No vote registered for Rep. Abbott.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150**

10:40:16 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 150 DO PASS**.

#### **Discussion:**

10:40:34 Rep. Dunwell  
10:41:48 Rep. Brewster  
10:42:21 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:45:05 Rep. Marler

10:46:25 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 150 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(tah15a04\)](#)

#### **Discussion:**

10:46:54 Megan Moore, LSD

10:47:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

10:48:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 150 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

10:49:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 150 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 154**

10:50:15 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 154 DO PASS**.

#### **Discussion:**

10:50:23 Megan Moore, LSD  
10:50:38 Rep. R. Knudsen  
10:52:11 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:52:29 Vice Chair Fern  
10:53:51 Rep. Malone  
10:55:01 Rep. Marler  
10:55:52 Rep. Kerns  
10:56:14 Rep. Mitchell  
10:56:23 Chair Beard

10:57:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Fielder, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Kerns, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Malone and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 127**

10:59:40 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 127 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:59:57 Megan Moore, LSD

11:02:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 127 DO PASS.** Motion failed 1-17 by roll call vote with Rep. C. Hinkle voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

11:02:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 127 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote.

11:02:55 Vice Chair Welch

11:03:35 Rep. Malone

11:03:46 Vice Chair Welch

11:04:19 Chair Beard

11:05:51 Rep. R. Knudsen

11:05:59 Chair Beard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:06:22

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Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah15aad.pdf](#))