

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on February 19, 2021 at 8:00 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. 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. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (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 394, 2/16/2021; HB 397, 2/16/2021
Executive Action: HB 357, HB 363, HB 372, HB 394, HB 397

HEARING ON HB 394**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:03:22 Rep. Mark Noland (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 394, Exempt certain pollution control and carbon capture equipment from property tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:36 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
08:09:12 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resource Association (TSRA)
08:10:27 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce
08:11:57 Ryan Hall, Montana Electric Co-op Association (MECA)
08:13:32 Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council (MCC)
08:14:43 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)
08:15:44 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)
08:16:34 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:17:49 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

08:19:49 Doug Roehm, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:20:12 Rep. Malone
08:20:36 Bob Story, MonTax
08:22:08 Rep. Dunwell
08:22:37 Doug Roehm, DOR
08:24:11 Rep. Kerns
08:24:56 Doug Roehm, DOR
08:25:12 Vice Chair Fern
08:25:54 Alan Olson, MPA
08:26:37 Chair Beard
08:26:55 Alan Olson, MPA
08:27:12 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:27:56 Alan Olson, MPA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:29:30 Rep. Noland

HEARING ON HB 397**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:31:03 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 397, Establish workforce housing tax credits.

08:32:15 Rep. C. Hinkle joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

08:33:41 Chris Puyear, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)
08:39:52 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
08:41:07 Sheila Rice, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)
08:48:33 Louis Bosso, Sugar Creek Capitol
08:51:29 Tyson O'Connell, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)
08:55:59 Mike Nugent, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
08:56:58 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
08:57:39 Adrienne Bombelles, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
08:59:40 Andrea Davis, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC); Homeward

[EXHIBIT\(tah35a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:01:05 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)
09:01:24 Rep. Buckley joined the meeting

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:01:36 Vice Chair Fern
09:02:54 Tyson O'Connell, MHC
09:02:43 Vice Chair Fern
09:05:14 Andrea Davis, MHC; Homeward
09:07:14 Rep. Trebas
09:08:14 Chris Puyear, MHC
09:08:17 Louis Bosso, Sugar Creek Capital
09:08:28 Rep. Trebas
09:08:44 Louis Bosso, Sugar Creek Capital
09:09:24 Rep. Trebas
09:09:43 Louis Bosso, Sugar Creek Capital
09:10:43 Rep. Malone
09:11:02 Rep. Kassmier

Closing by Sponsor:

09:12:28 Rep. Kassmier

09:14:03 Chair Beard
09:14:46 Bob Story, MonTax

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09:15:30 Bob Story, MonTax
09:17:02 Chair Beard
09:17:39 Vice Chair Fern

09:19:00 Recessed
09:40:00 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 357

09:41:00 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:41:51 Vice Chair Fern

09:43:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 357 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. C. Hinkle and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 363

09:45:00 Megan Moore, LSD

09:45:46 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 363 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(tah35a06\)](#)

Discussion:

09:46:05 Megan Moore, LSD
09:47:33 Rep. Trebas

09:47:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

09:49:12 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 363 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

09:49:33 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 363 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(tah35a07\)](#)

Discussion:

09:50:33 Megan Moore, LSD

09:50:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:51:24 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 363 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

09:51:33 Vice Chair Fern
09:52:38 Rep. Malone
09:53:04 Rep. Trebas

09:54:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Malone, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Trebas voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

09:55:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 363 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372

09:57:01 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 372 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:57:03 Rep. Kerns

09:58:01 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns made a substitute motion that **HB 372 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 394

09:59:37 Megan Moore, LSD

09:59:55 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 394 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:00:00 Rep. Fielder

10:00:17 Rep. Dunwell

10:01:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell and Rep. Marler voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 397

10:03:12 Megan Moore, LSD

10:03:37 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 394 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:03:55 Megan Moore, LSD

10:05:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 394 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

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10:06:29 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 397 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:06:41 Vice Chair Welch

10:07:35 Vice Chair Fern

10:08:34 Rep. Malone

10:08:59 Chair Beard

10:09:30 Rep. Kerns

10:10:02 Rep. Fielder

10:10:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Fielder, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kerns, Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

10:12:04 Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:13:29

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah35aad.pdf](#))