

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on February 24, 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. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (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)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, 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: HJ 6, 2/17/2021; HB 191, 2/17/2021; HB 432, 2/19/2021; HB 516,
2/19/2021
Executive Action: HJ 6, HB 516

HEARING ON HB 516**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:01:34 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 516, Revising property entry laws for property tax valuation purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:31 Michael Markarian, self
08:07:18 Richard Pittman, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

08:09:55 Kory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
08:10:59 Rep. Fielder left the meeting

Informational Testimony:

08:16:17 Bryce Kaatz, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:16:47 Vice Chair Fern
08:17:55 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:21:26 Rep. Trebas
08:22:00 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:22:18 Rep. Dunwell
08:23:36 Kory Hofland, DOR
08:26:50 Rep. Malone
08:27:27 Rep. Harvey
08:28:58 Rep. Malone
08:28:27 Kory Hofland, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

08:29:48 Rep. Harvey

HEARING ON HB 191**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:33:56 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 191, Revise residential property tax credit for elderly.

[EXHIBIT\(tah39a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah39a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:38:41 Director Brendan Beatty, Department of Revenue (DOR)

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

08:41:16 Brian Olsen, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:41:40 Vice Chair Welch

08:42:19 Director Brendan Beatty, DOR
08:42:44 Vice Chair Welch
08:42:50 Rep. Hopkins
08:43:52 Vice Chair Fern
08:44:15 Brian Olsen, DOR
08:45:42 Rep. Thane
08:46:01 Rep. Hopkins
08:46:12 Rep. Trebas
08:46:33 Rep. Hopkins

Closing by Sponsor:

08:47:18 Rep. Hopkins

08:48:35 Rep. Thane
08:48:50 Chair Beard
08:48:55 Rep. Dunwell
08:50:11 Rep. Trebas
08:50:31 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

HEARING ON HJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:52:11 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HJ 6, Provide for study of natural resources trust fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:00:24 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition
09:02:35 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
09:04:24 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:08:35 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library
09:09:12 Cindy Trimp, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
09:09:46 Anna Miller, Montana Department of Natural Resource Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:10:41 Rep. Trebas
09:10:15 Rep. Fern
09:13:12 Rep. Dunwell
09:13:40 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library
09:15:37 Rep. Dunwell
09:16:33 Cindy Trimp, AGR
09:17:14 Anna Miller, DNRC
09:18:53 Chair Beard
09:19:05 Anna Miller, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

09:20:06 Rep. Fern

09:22:21 Recessed
09:48:34 Reconvened

09:48:56 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6

09:49:20 Chair Beard
09:49:49 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HJ 6 DO PASS**.
09:49:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HJ 6 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Kerns and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

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09:50:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Kerns and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 516

09:51:38 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 516 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

09:51:56 Rep. Malone
09:52:22 Vice Chair Fern
09:53:30 Rep. Dunwell
09:55:16 Chair Beard
09:55:55 Rep. Dunwell

09:56:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Malone, Rep. Marler and Rep. Mitchell voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Kerns and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 191

09:58:52 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 191 DO PASS**.
09:59:06 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 191 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

09:59:22 Rep. Buckley

09:59:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Kerns and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

10:00:34 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 191 BE POSTPONED PENDING REVISED FISCAL NOTE**

10:01:07 Chair Beard
10:01:20 Recessed
10:19:20 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 432

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:19:27 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 432, Revise property tax exemptions for affordable housing.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:25:17 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)
10:25:49 Bryce Kaatz, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:26:24 Rep. Trebas
10:27:02 Cheryl Cohen, COM
10:28:19 Vice Chair Fern
10:28:35 Cheryl Cohen, COM
10:29:27 Rep. Thane
10:29:57 Rep. Gunderson
10:31:12 Rep. Dunwell
10:32:12 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
10:34:46 Rep. Marler

Closing by Sponsor:

10:35:52 Rep. Gunderson

10:37:34 Chair Beard
10:38:01 Rep. C. Hinkle
10:38:07 Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39:18

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah39aad.pdf](#))