

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on February 26, 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. 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)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (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: HB 526, 2/23/2021; HB 532, 2/23/2021; HB 615, 2/25/2021; HB
616, 2/25/2021
Executive Action: HB 432, HB 526, HB 532, HB 615, HB 616

HEARING ON HB 526**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:01:51 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 526, Generally revise county assessor laws.

08:03:54 Rep. Trebas joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

08:04:14 Commissioner Gale Decker, Lake County Board of Commissioners

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:07:40 Bryce Kaatz, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:08:02 Vice Chair Fern
08:08:39 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:12:20 Rep. Dunwell
08:13:18 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:13:53 Rep. Kerns
08:15:11 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:15:54 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:16:22 Commissioner Gale Decker, Lake County
08:20:02 Rep. Fielder
08:20:35 Commissioner Gale Decker, Lake County
08:21:57 Rep. Malone
08:22:11 Rep. Read
08:25:14 Rep. Buckley
08:25:52 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:27:25 Rep. R. Knudsen
08:27:57 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
08:30:03 Vice Chair Fern
08:30:50 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

08:31:56 Rep. Read

HEARING ON HB 532**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:34:24 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 532, Generally revise bond and levy notification laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:38:53 Scott Kuehn, self

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Opponents' Testimony:

08:40:49 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)
08:44:17 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR) and
Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
08:46:12 Treasurer Tyler Gernant, Missoula County; Montana County Treasurers
Association (MCTA)

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:50:29 Rep. Trebas
08:51:38 Bob Story, MonTax
08:52:38 Rep. Thane
08:53:18 Treasurer Tyler Gernant, Missoula County, MCTA
08:55:13 Rep. R. Knudsen
08:56:06 Rep. Curdy
08:57:51 Rep. Trebas

Closing by Sponsor:

08:58:10 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 615

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:00:01 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 615, Revise tax
increment financing laws related to bonding.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:01:26 Rep. Brewster
09:01:58 Rep. Hopkins

Closing by Sponsor:

09:02:25 Rep. Hopkins

HEARING ON HB 616

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:44 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 616, Revise laws
related to the adoption of a tax increment provision.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:04:48 Rep. Trebas
09:05:08 Rep. Hopkins
09:05:25 Rep. Malone
09:05:56 Rep. Hopkins
09:07:18 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:08:04 Rep. Marler
09:08:57 Rep. Hopkins
09:09:36 Rep. Brewster
09:09:56 Rep. Hopkins
09:10:10 Chair Beard
09:10:49 Vice Chair Fern
09:11:51 Rep. Marler

Closing by Sponsor:

09:12:46 Rep. Hopkins

09:13:31 Chair Beard

09:13:48 Recessed
09:45:23 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 432

09:45:45 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 432 DO PASS**

09:46:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier made a substitute motion that **HB 432 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Brewster, Rep. Fielder, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Welch voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy. Note: vote tally was misstated as Tabled 9-8.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 526

09:18:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 526 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 532

09:50:34 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 532 DO PASS**.

09:50:43 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier made a substitute motion that **HB 532 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 615

09:52:15 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 615 DO PASS**.

09:52:22 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier made a substitute motion that **HB 615 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 616

09:54:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 616 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

09:55:46 Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:56:12

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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