

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on March 16, 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. Kim Abbott (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. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

Members Excused:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 619, 3/8/2021
Executive Action: HB 619

HEARING ON HB 619**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:22 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 619, Revise property tax exemptions for certain hospitals.

08:34:11 Rep. Mitchell joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:35:38 Rich Rasmussen, Montana Hospital Association (MTHA)

08:40:50 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

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08:45:22 Frank Cote, SCL Health; Providence Health

08:47:15 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:50:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

08:50:45 Rich Rasmussen, MTHA

08:56:42 Rep. Malone

08:57:04 Rich Rasmussen, MTHA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:58:09 Rep. Kerns

09:03:05 Recessed

09:27:43 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 619

09:28:02 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 619 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:28:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

09:29:11 Vice Chair Welch

09:30:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Trebas voting aye. Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerns and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy.

09:31:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 619 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerns and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy.

09:32:08 Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:32:43

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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