

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on March 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. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (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 2, 2/26/21
Executive Action: HB 629, HB 631, HB 372

08:02:31 Vice Chair Welch assumed the chair

HEARING ON HJ 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:54 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HJ 2, Revenue estimating resolution.

08:05:42 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting

08:06:02 Brief Recess

08:20:43 Reconvened

08:20:44 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting

Informational Testimony:

08:20:54 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

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08:43:22 Julia Pattin, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:47:19 Sam Schaefer, LFD

08:48:45 Chase Walker, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:54:21 Alice Hecht, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:58:33 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:01:46 Rep. Fielder

09:02:29 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:03:07 Rep. Dunwell

09:03:45 Chase Walker, LFD

09:05:02 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:06:15 Rep. Fielder

09:06:17 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:12:02 Chase Walker, LFD

09:16:48 Alice Hecht, LFD

09:19:15 Chase Walker, LFD

09:20:14 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:27:47 Chair Welch

09:28:51 Rep. Dunwell

09:29:02 Rep. Thane

09:29:30 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:30:30 Rep. Malone

09:31:05 Chase Walker, LFD

09:31:15 Vice Chair Fern

09:32:13 Chase Walker, LFD

09:34:53 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:36:14 Rep. R. Knudsen

09:36:51 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:37:24 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

09:37:46 Chase Walker, LFD

09:38:10 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

09:38:46 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:40:19 Chair Welch
09:41:31 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(tah55a02)

09:42:24 Vice Chair Fern
09:42:52 Chair Welch
09:44:09 Amy Carlson, LFD
09:52:29 Rep. Dunwell
09:53:09 Amy Carlson, LFD
09:54:31 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:54:51 Amy Carlson, LFD
09:55:34 Rep. Thane
09:55:57 Amy Carlson, LFD
09:56:25 Rep. Malone
09:56:49 Amy Carlson, LFD

09:57:38 Recess
10:03:58 Reconvened

10:04:29 Director Kurt Alme, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
10:08:48 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

EXHIBIT(tah55a03)

10:24:21 Ralph Franklin, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
10:37:20 Chris Watson, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
10:40:40 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:41:09 Chris Watson, OBPP
10:46:10 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:47:55 Rep. Malone
10:48:14 Ryan Evans, OBPP
10:48:46 Chris Watson, OBPP
10:50:22 Rep. Kerns
10:50:53 Chris Watson, OBPP
10:52:18 Ryan Evans, OBPP
10:54:10 Chris Watson, OBPP
10:55:44 Vice Chair Fern
10:56:20 Chris Watson, OBPP
10:57:01 Ralph Franklin, OBPP
11:00:38 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:01:21 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
11:01:40 Rep. Malone
11:02:22 Ryan Evans, OBPP
11:04:42 Rep. Kerns
11:05:05 Sam Schaefer, LFD
11:06:00 Alice Hecht, LFD
11:10:02 Chair Welch

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Closing by Sponsor:

11:11:51 Rep. Beard

11:14:25 Chair Welch
11:15:29 Chair Beard resumed the chair
11:16:07 Vice Chair Fern
11:16:49 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:18:04 Rep. Kerns

11:18:41 Recessed
11:33:27 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 629

11:34:05 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 629 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:34:29 Megan Moore, LSD

11:35:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 629 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

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11:37:03 Megan Moore, LSD

11:37:21 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 629 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:37:41 **Motion:** Rep. Malone moved that **HB 629 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(tah55a05)**Discussion:**

11:38:12 Vice Chair Fern
11:38:53 Megan Moore, LSD
11:39:16 Vice Chair Welch

11:39:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

11:40:19 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 629 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:40:43 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 629 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(tah55a06)**Discussion:**

11:41:31 Vice Chair Fern

11:42:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

11:42:42 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 629 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 11:43:03 Rep. Dunwell
- 11:43:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott and Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 631

- 11:45:31 Megan Moore, LSD
- 11:45:55 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 631 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

- 11:46:14 Rep. Buckley
- 11:46:41 **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 and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.
- 11:48:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 631 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372

- 11:49:17 Rep. R. Knudsen
- 11:49:42 Megan Moore, LSD
- 11:49:56 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 372 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

- 11:50:13 Megan Moore, LSD
- 11:50:47 Chair Beard
- 11:51:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting no.
- 11:53:02 Rep. Thane
- 11:53:19 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 372 DO PASS.**
- 11:53:53 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 372 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah55a07)

Discussion:

- 11:54:06 Megan Moore, LSD
- 11:55:50 Rep. R. Knudsen
- 11:56:27 Rep. Thane
- 11:56:36 Vice Chair Fern
- 11:58:11 Rep. Marler

- 11:58:42 **Vote:** 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. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.
- 12:00:03 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 372 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 12:00:16 **Substitute Motion:** Without objection, Rep. R. Knudsen moved to postpone action on HB 372 pending a fiscal note.
- 12:00:45 Vice Chair Fern

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:01:35

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah55aad.pdf](#))