

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on April 14, 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. Joshua Kassmier (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. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (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: SB 263, 4/13/2021
Executive Action: SB 263

HEARING ON SB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:12 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 263, Revise forest lands property taxes and rates.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:07:39 Steve Marks, Marks Ranch; Marks Lumber
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a01\)](#)

08:09:56 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group

08:11:35 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a02\)](#)

08:18:53 Shane Scanlon, Weyerhaeuser
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a03\)](#)

08:19:46 Paul McKenzie F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Co
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a04\)](#)

08:23:51 Patti Case, Green Diamond Resource Company
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a05\)](#)

08:25:36 Allen Chrisman, Montana Forest Owners Association, Inc
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a06\)](#)

08:28:37 Julie Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:31:11 Kory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:31:42 Rep. Dunwell

08:32:15 Kory Hofland, DOR

08:34:04 Rep. Marler

08:35:30 Rep. Fielder

08:36:00 Kory Hofland, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

08:36:12 Sen. Cuffe

08:40:00 Bob Story, MonTax

08:40:30 Recessed

08:50:00 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 263

08:52:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 263 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fern, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kerns and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy. Rep. Beard will carry the bill.

08:53:10 Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:54:22

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah71aad.pdf](#))