

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on January 15, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Rachel Foe, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 41, 1/12/2021; SB 45, 1/12/2021; SB 77, 1/12/2021; SB 78, 1/12/2021

HEARING ON SB 45**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

07:58:36 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB45, Repeal new or expanded industry credit.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:00:07 Sen. Blasdel

08L00:09 Sen. Blasdel left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 77**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:00:27 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB77, Revise special district financing and dissolution provisions.

EXHIBIT(tas10a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:07:03 Rep. Larry Brewster, HD 44

08:08:48 Sen. Chris Friedel, SD 26

08:11:39 Sandra Vasecka, Missoula City Council

08:13:30 Jesse Ramos, Missoula City Council

08:17:08 Sen. Douglas Kary, SD 22

08:18:07 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

EXHIBIT(tas10a02)

08:45:03 Pam Ellis

08:52:04 Pam Purinton, Billings

EXHIBIT(tas10a03)

Additional testimony received:

EXHIBIT(tas10a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:19:35 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

EXHIBIT(tas10a05)

08:21:03 Sen. Molnar entered the hearing.

08:23:41 Doug Russell, City of Kalispell

EXHIBIT(tas10a06)

08:29:49 Greg Doyon, Great Falls
[EXHIBIT\(tas10a07\)](#)

08:35:44 Bob Kelly, Great Falls
[EXHIBIT\(tas10a08\)](#)

08:39:28 Chris Kukulski, City of Billings
[EXHIBIT\(tas10a09\)](#)

08:53:58 Dan Semmens, Missoula
[EXHIBIT\(tas10a10\)](#)

08:58:50 Sen. Vance left the hearing.

09:02:11 Roy Neese, City of Billings

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:06:19 Sen. Hertz
09:07:33 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
09:09:26 Sen. Hertz
09:10:39 Mr. Doyon, City of Great Falls
09:11:02 Sen. Hertz
09:11:53 Mr. Ramos, Missoula City Council
09:12:57 Sen. Cohenour
09:13:32 Mr. Doyon,
09:15:32 Sen. Cohenour
09:16:20 Ms. Lynch
09:18:42 Sen. Tempel
09:19:05 Sen. McGillvray
09:20:33 Sen. Sales
09:21:31 Sen. McGillvray
09:22:39 Sen. Cohenour
09:23:26 Mr. Seemens, Missoula
09:26:48 Sen. O'Brien
09:28:10 Sen. McGillvray
09:29:33 Sen. Hertz
09:31:19 Mr. Semmens
09:32:27 Chair Hoven
09:33:00 Sen. McGillvray

Closing by Sponsor:

09:33:52 Sen. McGillvray

09:38:46 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON SB 78**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:39:10 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB78, Revise allowable special district assessment methods.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:41:05 Jesse Ramos, City of Missoula

09:42:59 Sen. McGillvray

09:43:29 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a11\)](#)

09:44:28 Roy Neece, City of Billings

Opponents' Testimony:

09:45:14 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a12\)](#)

09:48:17 Chris Kukulski, City of Billings

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a13\)](#)

09:50:59 Dan Semmens, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a14\)](#)

09:53:59 Doug Russell, City of Kalispell

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a15\)](#)

09:56:47 Liz Moore, Montana Nonprofit Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a16\)](#)

09:57:59 Bob Kelly, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a17\)](#)

09:58:22 Greg Doyon, City of Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a18\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:59:00 Sen. Tempel

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10:02:17 Sen. Cohenour

10:03:07 Ms. Lynch, MLCT

10:04:03 Sen. Hertz

10:04:31 Sen. Sales

10:04:53 Sen. Kary

10:05:43 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division

10:06:28 Chair Hoven

10:08:48 Sen. Kary

10:09:20 Sen. Hertz

10:10:07 Sen. Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

10:10:19 Sen. Kary

10:11:37 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON SB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:12:36 Sen. Susan Webber (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB41, Revise tax credit review process.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:15:26 Sen. Tempel

10:15:44 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:16:35 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

10:17:00 Sen. Webber

Discussion:

10:17:15 Chair Hoven

10:18:05 Sen. Hertz

10:18:24 Mr. Coles, LSD

10:18:33 Chair Hoven

10:18:46 Sen. Hertz

10:18:56 Rachel Foe, remote meeting coordinator

10:19:18 Sen. Pomnichowski

10:19:42 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:19 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Document:

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EXHIBIT([tas10aad.pdf](#))