

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on January 27, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., 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. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Karli Kusler, 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: HB 51, 1/22/2021; SB 124, 1/22/2021

HEARING ON HB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:32 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB51, Revise Achieving a Better Life Experience Act laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(tas18a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:03:32 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:04:12 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB124, Revise laws related to student loans.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:30 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

09:13:29 Rep. Alice Buckley, HD 63

[EXHIBIT\(tas18a02\)](#)

09:15:01 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group

09:17:44 Allison Reinhardt, Montana Associated Students

09:18:43 Jack Rinck, Associated Students of Montana

09:19:32 Rutie Barbour, Forward Montana

[EXHIBIT\(tas18a03\)](#)

09:21:13 Iko'tsimiskimaki Beck, Indigenous Organizers Collective

[EXHIBIT\(tas18a04\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(tas18a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:22:38 David Merrien, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:23:53 Sen. Molnar

09:24:27 Sen. Morigeau

09:26:19 Sen. Cohenour

09:26:45 Mr. Merrien, DOR
09:27:38 Sen. O'Brien
09:27:54 Sen. Morigeau
09:30:33 Sen. Hertz
09:32:06 Mr. Merrien
09:33:22 Chair Hoven
09:34:27 Mr. Merrien
09:34:37 Sen. Hertz
09:35:17 Sen. Morigeau
09:35:42 Sen. Hertz
09:35:47 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division
09:36:08 Sen. Sales
09:39:01 Sen. Morigeau
09:40:03 Sen. Tempel
09:40:27 Mr. Merrien
09:42:08 Sen. Cohenour
09:42:39 Mr. Merrien
09:43:20 Sen. Hertz
09:44:13 Sen. Morigeau
09:45:38 Sen. Cohenour
09:46:17 Sen. Morigeau
09:47:48 Chair Hoven
09:48:21 Sen. Morigeau
09:51:36 Sen. Molnar
09:58:54 Mr. Mahlum, Montana Chamber
10:00:33 Sen. Cohenour
10:01:15 Mr. Mahlum
10:03:17 Chair Hoven
10:03:43 Mr. Mahlum
10:04:25 Sen. Hertz
10:04:53 Mr. Mahlum
10:05:20 Sen. Sales
10:06:11 Mr. Mahlum
10:07:43 Sen. Pomnichowski
10:08:34 Sen. Morigeau

Closing by Sponsor:

10:11:02 Sen. Morigeau

10:15:10 Chair Hoven
10:15:54 Sen. Pomnichowski
10:16:03 Chair Hoven
10:16:13 Sen. Sales
10:16:15 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:16 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas18aad.pdf](#))