

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on February 9, 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. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (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
Karlle 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 129, 2/3/2021

HEARING ON HB 129**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:57 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB129, Revise the Family Education Savings Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:07:39 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity
09:08:12 Abigail St. Lawrence, Association for Gifted and Talented (Montana AGATE)
09:10:22 Robert Minto, Achieve Montana 529 Advisory Board
09:16:11 Ron Muffick, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System (OCHE)

[EXHIBIT\(tas27a01\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:18:41 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)
09:22:19 Dan Sullivan, NAIFA
09:28:13 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

[EXHIBIT\(tas27a02\)](#)**Additional Testimony Received:****[EXHIBIT\(tas27a03\)](#)****Informational Testimony:**

09:33:52 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue
09:34:16 Mary Anne Busse, Great Disclosure

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:34:53 Sen. Cohenour
09:35:35 Ms. Busse, Great Disclosure
09:36:19 Sen. Cohenour
09:40:05 Mr. Sullivan, NAIFA
09:41:58 Sen. Tempel
09:42:22 Rep. Bedey
09:42:43 Mr. Muffick, OCHE
09:43:11 Sen. Tempel
09:44:19 Mr. Muffick
09:44:30 Ms. Busse
09:46:18 Sen. Tempel
09:46:33 Ms. Busse
09:47:47 Sen. Sales
09:48:32 Rep. Bedey
09:49:41 Sen. Cohenour
09:53:13 Rep. Bedey
09:54:26 Sen. Cohenour
09:55:15 Ms. Curtis, MFPE
09:57:22 Chair Hoven
09:59:15 Mr. Sullivan
10:01:00 Sen. Cohenour
10:01:21 Mr. Sullivan

10:03:01 Chair Hoven
10:03:08 Mr. Sullivan
10:04:33 Chair Hoven
10:05:20 Mr. Muffick
10:06:51 Sen. Hertz
10:07:25 Mr. Muffick
10:07:45 Ms. Busse
10:11:20 Sen. Hertz
10:12:15 Mr. Muffick
10:12:52 Sen. Sales
10:13:23 Mr. Sullivan
10:14:01 Chair Hoven
10:14:08 Mr. Sullivan
10:14:55 Sen. Molnar
10:17:40 Mr. Muffick
10:17:58 Sen. Hoven
10:18:30 Mr. Sullivan

Closing by Sponsor:

10:21:07 Rep. Bedey

10:26:58 Chair Hoven
10:27:18 Sen. Hertz
10:27:54 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:28 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas27aad.pdf](#))