

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Mike Cuffe, on February 25, 2021 at 8:05 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Katherine Johnson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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 159, 2/23/2021; SB 100, 2/23/202

08:05:30 Chair Cuffe

08:08:02 Sen Welborn joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:08:09 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB159, Personal Income Tax Relief Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:09:31 Kurt Alme, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

08:10:00 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

08:11:28 Austin Trunkle, Big Sky Economic Development

Opponents' Testimony:

08:12:15 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

08:13:53 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote

08:15:13 Erik Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees

08:17:28 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

08:18:09 Jacquie Helt, state director, SEIU 775

08:19:50 Grace Benasutti, Forward Montana

EXHIBIT(fcs40a01)

08:21:01 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+

08:21:42 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers

08:22:36 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

EXHIBIT(fcs40a02)

08:24:11 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network

08:25:12 Stephanie Morton, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

Informational Testimony:

08:27:03 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:27:33 Sen. Jacobson

08:28:13 Mr. Alme, OBPP

08:31:36 Sen. Jacobson

08:31:48 Mr. Alme

Closing by Sponsor:

08:32:10 Sen. Hertz

HEARING ON SB 100

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:33:28 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB100, Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:34:52 John Sonju, Opportunity Solutions Project

Opponents' Testimony:

08:36:14 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

08:44:16 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote

08:47:13 Beth Brenneman, attorney, Disability Rights Montana

08:48:42 Lauren Wilson, Montana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

08:51:51 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.

EXHIBIT(fcs40a03)

08:54:48 Heather Harp, executive director, Habitat of Humanity

EXHIBIT(fcs40a04)

08:57:19 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+

08:57:52 Kylee Bodley, executive director, American Academy of Pediatrics

08:59:05 Jan Strout, president, Montana Chapter, National Organization for Women

EXHIBIT(fcs40a05)

09:00:15 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Foodbank Network

09:02:40 Michael Holland, Redmond, Washington

EXHIBIT(fcs40a06)

09:06:23 Beth Burk, Butte

EXHIBIT(fcs40a07)

09:07:47 Barbara Miller, Butte

EXHIBIT(fcs40a08)

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(fcs40a09)

Informational Testimony: None

Proponents' Testimony:

09:10:21 Marie Matthews, Medicaid director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:14:04 Sen. Lynch

09:14:51 Ms. Matthews, DPHHS

09:16:19 Sen. Lynch

09:16:38 Ms. Matthews

09:17:40 Sen. Lynch

09:18:34 Chair Cuffe

09:18:48 Sen. Lynch

09:19:23 Ms. Matthews

09:23:57 Sen. Lynch

09:25:03 Ms. Matthews

09:25:51 Sen. Lynch
09:26:10 Sen. Morigeau
09:27:09 Ms. Matthews
09:31:05 Sen. Morigeau
09:31:20 Ms. Matthews
09:31:40 Sen. Ellis
09:33:18 Ms. Matthews
09:35:59 Sen. Ellis

09:37:05 Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.

09:37:12 Ms. Matthews
09:38:39 Sen. Jacobson
09:39:04 Ms. Matthews
09:39:44 Sen. Jacobson
09:40:09 Ms. Matthews
09:40:53 Chair Cuffe
09:41:04 Sen. Jacobson
09:41:26 Ms. Matthews
09:42:21 Sen. Jacobson
09:42:44 Sen. McNally
09:43:25 Ms. Matthews
09:46:18 Sen. McNally
09:47:32 Chair Cuffe
09:47:42 Sen. McNally
09:48:15 Chair Cuffe
09:48:18 Ms. Matthews
09:49:42 Sen. McNally
09:50:08 Ms. Matthews
09:52:53 Chair Cuffe
09:53:28 Sen. McNally
09:53:43 Ms. Matthews
09:54:48 Sen. Flowers
09:55:18 Chair Cuffe
09:55:27 Sen. Flowers
09:56:14 Sen. Smith
09:58:36 Sen. Flowers
09:59:02 Sen. Smith
09:59:43 Ms. Matthews
10:00:59 Sen. Boldman
10:02:41 Ms. Matthews

Closing by Sponsor:

10:03:01 Sen. Smith

10:09:07 Chair Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:09 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs40aad.pdf](#))