

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on March 24, 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. 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. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Alex Colafrancesco, 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 397, 3/18/2021; SB 386, 3/22/2021

**HEARING ON HB 397****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:00:45 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB397, Establish workforce housing tax credits.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:02:54 Chris Puyear, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)  
[EXHIBIT\(tas58a01\)](#)

09:10:45 Tyson O'Connell, Wishrock Housing Partners  
09:14:30 Sheila Rice, MHC  
09:18:30 Mike Nugent, Montana Association of Realtors  
09:19:56 Andrea Davis, MHC; Homeward

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(tas58a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

09:26:12 Cheryl Cohen, Department of Commerce (DOC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:26:36 Sen. Tempel  
09:27:28 Rep. Kassmier  
09:27:40 Sen. Tempel  
09:27:53 Mr. Puyear, MHC  
09:28:52 Sen. Molnar  
09:29:54 Rep. Kassmier  
09:30:06 Mr. Puyear  
09:30:43 Sen. Molnar  
09:31:09 Mr. Puyear  
09:31:22 Sen. Molnar  
09:31:55 Mr. O 'Connell, Wishrock Housing Partners  
09:32:14 Ms. Davis, MHC  
09:33:45 Sen. Sales  
09:36:37 Ms. Cohen, DOC  
09:38:00 Ms. Davis  
09:41:14 Chair Hoven  
09:46:42 Ms. Davis  
09:47:14 Ms. Cohen  
09:48:39 Sen. Tempel  
09:48:55 Ms. Cohen  
09:49:13 Sen. Cohenour  
09:49:52 Ms. Cohen  
09:50:44 Sen. Molnar  
09:53:39 Ms. Cohen  
09:54:40 Chair Hoven  
09:55:49 Ms. Cohen

09:56:32 Sen. O'Brien

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:56:54 Rep. Kassmier

09:58:13 Chair Hoven

09:58:21 Rep. Kassmier

**HEARING ON SB 386**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:58:41 Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB386, Providing an income tax credit for property taxes paid and revising rates.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:03:12 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+

10:05:09 Dick Barrett, citizen

10:12:01 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget & Policy Center (MBPC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:18:08 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:20:12 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MONTAX)

[EXHIBIT\(tas58a03\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

10:16:39 David Merrien, Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:17:00 Sen. O'Brien

10:17:43 Sen. Hoven

10:25:45 Sen. O'Brien

10:26:13 Mr. Barrett, citizen

10:33:29 Sen. Cohenour

10:34:35 Mr. Story, MONTAX

10:35:15 Sen. Cohenour

10:39:38 Ms. O'Loughlin, MBPC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:41:15 Sen. Flowers

10:45:13 Chair Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:46 A.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas58aad.pdf](#))