

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 6, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 376, 4/1/2021; HB 4, 3/29/2021; HB 9, 4/1/2021; HB 10,
3/29/2021; HB 12, 3/29/2021;
Executive Action: SB 376 Do Pass

09:04:38 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 376

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:05:29 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB376, Corporate tax modernization through double-sales factor apportionment.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:46 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

09:07:11 Aimee Grmoljez, Crowley Fleck Law Firm

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:09:03 Sen. Jacobson

09:09:23 Sen. Hertz

09:10:35 Sen. Jacobson

09:10:40 Sen. Hertz

09:10:54 Sen. Ellis

09:11:18 Ms. Grmoljez, Crowley Fleck

09:13:04 Sen. Lang

09:13:22 Sen. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

09:13:38 Sen. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:14:10 Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB4, Appropriations by Budget Amendment.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:15:25 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:17:23 Cheryl Cohen, Department of Commerce

09:17:59 Barbara Quinn, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:18:42 Rep. Bartel

09:19:05 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division, LFD)
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09:19:48 Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:16:27 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB9, Cultural and Aesthetic Grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:22:04 Chere Jiusto, executive director, Preserve Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

09:23:31 Adrian Jawort, Montana Native Vote

Informational Testimony:

09:29:06 Tatiana Gant, director, Montana Arts Council (MAC)

09:29:37 Kristin Han Burgoyne, deputy director and program director, MAC

09:29:57 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:35:19 Sen. Cuffe
09:36:54 Sen. Ankney
09:37:39 Sen. Glimm
09:37:45 Ms. Gant, MAC
09:39:37 Sen. Glimm
09:39:51 Ms. Gant
09:40:04 Sen. Ellis
09:40:48 Rep. Hopkins
09:42:36 Sen. Jacobson
09:43:23 Chair Osmundson
09:43:33 Rep. Hopkins
09:44:21 Sen. Jacobson
09:44:36 Rep. Hopkins
09:44:49 Ms. Duncan, LFD
09:44:59 Sen. Jacobson
09:45:29 Sen. Cuffe
09:46:28 Sen. Keenan
09:46:55 Ms. Duncan

Closing by Sponsor:

09:48:14 Rep. Hopkins

HEARING ON HB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:49:15 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB12, Historic Preservation Grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:51:37 Chere Jiusto, executive director, Preserve Montana

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09:56:50 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

09:58:15 Deb Mitchell, executive director, Museums Association of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:02:49 Adam Schafer, director, Department of Commerce

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:03:30 Sen. Flowers

10:03:54 Rep. Hopkins

10:05:29 Sen. Cuffe

10:05:48 Ms. Jiusto, Preserve Montana

10:07:31 Sen. Cuffe

10:07:43 Ms. Jiusto

10:09:17 Sen. Keenan

10:09:42 Rep. Hopkins

10:10:46 Sen. Keenan

10:10:59 Sen. Kary

10:11:24 Rep. Hopkins

10:12:18 Sen. Ellis

10:12:36 Rep. Hopkins

10:13:00 Sen. Jacobson

10:13:36 Rep. Hopkins

10:14:35 Sen. Lynch

10:15:42 Rep. Hopkins

10:16:23 Sen. Cuffe

10:17:40 Rep. Hopkins

10:17:46 Sen. Flowers

10:18:07 Rep. Hopkins

10:19:01 Sen. Lang

10:19:38 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

10:20:38 Sen. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

10:20:55 Rep. Hopkins

10:22:07 Recess

10:36:24 Reconvene

Sen. Ankney left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:36:42 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB10, Long-Range Information Technology Appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:40:43 Matt Van Syckle, chief technology officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

10:43:21 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation

10:43:39 April Grady, chief financial officer, Information Technology Division, DOA

10:43:56 Natalie Smitham, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:44:18 Sen. Ellis

10:45:18 Mr. Van Syckle, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

10:46:39 Rep. Holmlund

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 376

10:47:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 376 DO PASS**. Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman and Sen. McNally voting no. Sen. Ankney and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

10:48:25 Chair Osmundson

10:49:19 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

10:49:45 Sen. Ellis

10:50:09 Sen. Flowers

10:50:17 Chair Osmundson

10:50:41 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

10:50:45 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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