

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on April 14, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Meeting Room:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
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 629, 4/12/2021

09:01:09 Sen. Cohenour and Sen. O'Brien entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 629

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:33 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB629, Provide for job creation tax credits.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:45 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
09:09:00 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association
09:10:42 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association
09:12:14 Mark Taylor, Idaho Forest Group
09:14:27 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

09:15:12 Rose Bender, Montana Budget & Policy Center

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:16:21 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:16:43 Sen. Molnar
09:19:31 Rep. Fern

09:22:19 Scott Eychner, Department of Labor and Industry (informational witness)

09:22:39 Sen. Sales
09:23:22 Rep. Fern
09:26:58 Sen. Tempel
09:27:17 Rep. Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

09:28:32 Rep. Fern

Discussion:

09:31:26 Chair Hoven
09:31:54 Sen. Molnar
09:32:00 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:32:13 Sen. O'Brien
09:32:19 Chair Hoven
09:33:17 Sen. O'Brien
09:33:25 Sen. Cohenour
09:33:32 Chair Hoven
09:33:38 Sen. O'Brien
09:33:46 Chair Hoven
09:33:50 Mr. Coles, LSD

09:35:16 Sen. Cohenour

09:35:29 Mr. Coles

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09:39:22 Chair Hoven

09:39:39 Sen. Cohenour

09:39:50 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:40 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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