

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Paul Fielder-R, on January 04, 2023 at 9:02 AM, in 152

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Paul Fielder, Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mark Thane, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Brad Barker (R)  
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)  
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)  
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Russel Miner (R)

**Staff Present:** Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary  
Megan Moore, Research Analyst

**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 58 12/30/2022

HB 121 12/30/2022

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 58 - Revise laws related to state debt collection services by department of revenue**

**Opening Statement:**

09:09:03 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 58, Revise laws related to state debt collection services by department of revenue.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:12:00 Mary Croghan, Manager, Other Agency Debt Unit, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

09:13:00 Kristin Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office, (GO)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:15:35 Rep. Cohenour

09:16:20 Mary Croghan, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

09:17:11 Kristina Warren, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

09:18:24 Rep. R. Knudsen

09:19:08 Mary Croghan, DOR

09:20:39 Chair Fielder

09:20:50 Mary Croghan, DOR

**Closing Statement:**

09:21:15 Rep. Yakawich (R) , HD 51, closed the hearing on HB 51.

**HEARING ON HB 121 - Requiring return to federal government of lodging tax paid with federal funds**

**Opening Statement:**

09:23:20 Rep. Russel Miner (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 121, Requiring return to federal government of lodging tax paid with federal funds.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:24:52 Tracy Morano, Operations Director, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

09:26:49 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association, (MLHA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:27:36 Chelsey Gochis, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

09:27:59 Jennifer Thompson, Department of Administration, (DOA)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:28:45 Rep. Fern

09:29:00 Chelsey Gochis, DOR

09:29:32 Rep. R. Knudsen

09:30:00 Jennifer Thompson, DOA

09:30:18 Chelsey Gochis, DOR

09:31:00 Stuart Doggett, MLHA

09:32:00 Chelsey Gochis, DOR

09:32:57 Chair Fielder

09:33:30 Tracy Morano, DOR

09:34:20 Vice Chair Thane

09:35:00 Tracy Morano, DOR

**Closing Statement:**

09:35:20 Rep. Miner (R), HB 19, closed the hearing on HB 121.

09:36:00 Chair Fielder, **Future Witness Introductions**

09:36:07 Alan Olson, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association

09:36:54 Mark Lambrecht, Director of Government Relations, Montana Electric Cooperation Association, (MECA)

09:38:19 Jan Rouse, North Western Energy

09:38:47 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center, (MBPC)

09:39:28 Kelley Lynch, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns, (MLCT)

09:39:52 Darryl James, Executive Director, Montana Infrastructure Coalition, (MIC)

09:40:58 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodge and Hospitality Association, (MLHA)

09:42:19 Nicole Rolf, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Farm Bureau Federation, (MFB)

09:43:10 Madison Grady, Political Affairs Coordinator, Montana Association of Realtors, (MAR)

09:43:40 Amy Nerison, Montana Housing Coalition, (MHC)

09:44:10 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center, (MEIC)

09:44:44 Bruce Spencer, Montana Energy Business Alliance

09:45:18 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce, (MCC)

09:45:50 Tom Ebzery, Exxon Mobile Billings/ CenturyLink

09:47:17 Steve Turkiewicz, City of Billings Taxation

09:48:04 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula

09:48:57 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association, (MTPA)

09:49:30 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association, (MSGA)

09:50:17 George Harris, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

**Discussion:**

09:54:00 Megan Moore, LSD

09:54:27 [EXHIBIT\(230104TAHa1\)](#)1

09:56:01 [EXHIBIT\(230104TAHa2\)](#)

09:56:16 [EXHIBIT\(230104TAHa3\)](#)

09:57:05 Rep. Fern

09:58:00 Megan Moore, LSD

09:59:00 Rep. Cohenour

10:01:00 Megan Moore, LSD

10:03:45 Chair Fielder

10:04:00 Rep. Fern

10:04:50 Chair Fielder

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:05:49

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Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230104TAHaad\)](#)