

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Paul Fielder-R, on January 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in 092

**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. Russel Miner (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)

**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 118 01/05/2023

Executive Action:

09:02:03 Chair Fielder

**HEARING ON HB 118 - Revise warrant of distraint as statewide lien for certain funds**

**Opening Statement:**

09:02:45 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 118, Revise warrant of distraint as statewide lien for certain funds.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:04:45 Jill Hamilton, Division Administrator, Information Management and Collections Division, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:12:25 William Gowan, Montana Land Title Association

09:16:14 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association, (MTPA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:18:11 Danielle Pennington, Bureau Chief, Collection Services, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:18:39 Rep. Vinton

09:19:06 Rep. Bertoglio

09:19:20 Vice Chair Welch

09:20:37 Jill Hamilton, DOR

09:22:00 Danielle Pennington, DOR

09:24:09 Rep. T. Smith

09:24:33 Rep. Cohenour

09:24:55 Rep. Fern

09:25:51 Jill Hamilton, DOR

09:26:30 Danielle Pennington, DOR  
09:28:15 Vice Chair Thane  
09:29:43 Jill Hamilton, DOR  
09:29:55 Danielle Pennington, DOR  
09:30:17 Rep. Cohenour  
09:30:55 Bob Story, MTPA  
09:31:19 Rep. Malone  
09:32:19 William Gowan, Montana Land Title Association  
09:34:07 Chair Fielder  
09:34:22 Rep. Bertoglio  
09:34:32 Rep. Fern  
09:35:31 Jill Hamilton, DOR  
09:35:45 Danielle Pennington, DOR  
09:36:04 Rep. R. Knudsen  
09:36:38 Danielle Pennington, DOR  
09:39:32 Rep. Kerns  
09:40:04 Danielle Pennington, DOR

**Closing Statement:**

09:35:43 Rep. Bertoglio  
  
09:38:00 Chair Fielder

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:41:12

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Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230110TAHaad\)](#)