

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Paul Fielder-R, on January 24, 2023 at 9:01 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. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (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 225 01/19/2023
SB 62 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

HB 223 DO PASS

09:02:54

Chair Fielder

HEARING ON SB 62 - Revise confidentiality of financial information used for property tax purposes

Opening Statement:

09:03:59 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 62, Revise confidentiality of financial information used for property tax purposes.

Proponent Testimony:

09:08:11 Kory Hofland, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

09:09:36 Tony Zammit, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:11:23 Vice Chair Thane

09:11:55 Kory Hofland, DOR

09:12:05 Rep. Malone

09:12:26 Kory Hofland, DOR

Closing Statement:

09:13:05 Sen. Zolnikov

HEARING ON HB 225 - Establish adoption tax credit

Opening Statement:

09:13:59 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 225,
Establish adoption tax credit.
EXHIBIT1

Proponent Testimony:

09:17:15 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office, (GO)
09:19:47 Zack Wirth, Self
09:20:43 Garret Turner, Self
09:26:04 Jason Knapp, Self
09:28:26 Stephanie Knapp, Self
09:31:06 Tony Dean, Self
09:33:15 Kaitlyn Ruch, Self
09:36:21 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference, (MCC)
09:37:48 Erica Johnston, Human Services Executive Director, Department of Public
Health and Human Services, (DPHHS)
09:39:05 Ed Butcher, Self
09:44:44 Tim McEntire, Self
09:46:39 Jeremy Johnson, Self
09:48:54 Nick Domitrovich, Self

Opponent Testimony:

09:52:51 Allen Lloyd, Executive Director, Montana Society of Certified Public
Accountants, (MTCPA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:55:32 Derek Bell, Division Administrator, Business and Income Tax Division,
Department of Revenue, (DOR)
EXHIBIT2

09:55:52 Aaron McNay, Tax Policy and Research, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

09:56:21 Rep. Fern

09:57:05 Glenn Oppel, DOR
Exhibit 2

09:57:33 Rep. Vinton

09:58:01 Rep. Sprunger

09:58:16 Rep. Barker

09:59:06 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

10:01:26 Rep. Marler

10:02:39 Rep. Sprunger

10:03:52 Rep. Fern

10:04:48 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

10:07:32 Rep. Barker

10:08:26 Glenn Oppel, DOR

10:09:24 Rep. Cohenour

10:10:14 Glenn Oppel, DOR

10:11:12 Rep. Knudsen

10:11:41 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

10:12:51 Rep. Marler

10:13:04 Rep. Sprunger

Closing Statement:

10:13:27 Rep. Sprunger

10:15:59 Recessed

10:23:25 Reconvened

Rep. Kerns Joined the Meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223 - Expanding the disabled veteran property tax assistance program

10:23:32 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 223 DO PASS.**

10:23:46 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 223 BE AMENDED.**

10:24:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10:26:37 **Motion:** Rep. Nikolakakos moved that **HB 223 BE AMENDED.**

10:27:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:28:22 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 223 DO PASS.**

10:29:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:31:45

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230124TAHaad\)](#)