

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

Call to Order: Chair Paul Fielder-R, on February 10, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Paul Fielder, Chair (R)
Rep. Mark Thane, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (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. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 363 TO TABLE

HB 368 TO TABLE
HB 370 TO TABLE
HB 408 DO PASS AS AMENDED

09:02:58 Chair Fielder
09:03:48 Rep. Knudsen has arrived
09:05:06 **Recessed**
09:32:43 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 363 - Revise individual income taxes to provide for new uppermost tax rate

09:33:06 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 363 DO PASS.**
09:33:19 **Motion:** Rep. Mark Thane moved that **HB 363 BE AMENDED.**
09:33:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting yes.
09:35:44 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Fielder moved that **HB 363 DO PASS.**
09:35:44 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting yes.
09:37:30 **Motion:** Rep. Jill Cohenour moved that **HB 363 TO TABLE.**
09:37:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 368 - Revise shared use path funding

09:37:57 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 368 DO PASS.**
09:38:04 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 368 BE AMENDED.**
Discussion:
09:40:04 Rep. Marty Malone
09:40:08 Rep. Dave Fern
09:38:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
09:45:32 **Motion:** Rep. Mark Thane moved that **HB 368 TO TABLE.**
09:45:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 370 - Revise resort tax eligibility and allow use for workforce housing

- 09:45:55 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 370 DO PASS.**
- 09:45:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 13 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting yes.
- 09:48:32 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 370 TO TABLE.**
- 09:48:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408 - Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits

- 09:49:12 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 408 DO PASS.**
- 09:49:28 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**
- 09:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting no.
- 09:51:08 **Motion:** Rep. Mark Thane moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 09:52:03 Rep. Sue Vinton
- 09:51:08 **Vote:** Motion failed 13 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Miner, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting yes.
- 09:54:02 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 09:55:32 Rep. Sue Vinton
- 09:55:50 Rep. Jill Cohenour
- 09:56:43 Rep. Marty Malone
- 09:57:07 Rep. Sue Vinton
- 09:57:50 Rep. Dave Fern
- 09:59:25 Rep. Edward Butcher
- 10:00:36 Rep. Sherry Essmann
- 10:01:20 Rep. Sue Vinton
- 10:01:58 Rep. Dave Fern

09:54:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting yes.

10:05:12 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:06:45 Rep. Sue Vinton

10:05:12 **Vote:** Motion failed 13 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Smith, Rep. Thane, voting yes.

10:08:28 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:09:23 Rep. Sue Vinton

10:10:05 Rep. Dave Fern

10:08:28 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting yes.

10:12:09 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Fielder moved that **HB 408 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:12:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:42:21

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

