

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Paul Fielder-R, on February 14, 2023 at 9:00 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. Brad Barker (R)  
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)  
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. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (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 407 02/08/2023

HB 416 02/08/2023

Executive Action:



**HEARING ON HB 407 - Provide for affordable housing abatements**

**Opening Statement:**

09:03:56 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 407, Provide for affordable housing abatements.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:10:20 Robin Turner, Affordable Housing

09:11:53 Margret McDonald, Big Sky 55 Plus

09:14:55 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

09:16:14 Lance Four Star, Montana America Indian Caucus

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**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:17:31 Cheryl Cohen, Department of Commerce

09:17:47 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee:**

09:18:20 Rep. Marty Malone

09:18:30 Rep. Dave Fern-D

09:18:56 Vice Chair Mark Thane

09:19:23 Rep. Dave Fern-D

09:20:12 Rep. Jill Cohenour

09:21:08 Rep. Dave Fern-D

09:23:39 Rep. Brad Barker

09:23:56 Rep. Dave Fern-D  
09:24:57 Rep. Brad Barker  
09:25:09 Rep. Dave Fern-D  
10:03:15 Chair Fielder

**Closing Statement:**

09:25:40 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 407.

**HEARING ON HB 416 - Provide income tax credit for renting dwelling below market rate**

**Opening Statement:**

09:27:32 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 416, Provide income tax credit for renting dwelling below market rate.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:38:47 Lance Four Star, Montana American Indian Caucus  
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09:39:44 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe  
09:40:42 Sandra Burch, Montana Democratic Socialists of Montana

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:43:13 Allen Lloyd, Certified Public Accountants Association

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:45:37 Cheryl Cohen, COM  
09:45:53 David Merrien, DOR  
09:46:07 Finn McMichael, DOR

**Questions from Committee:**

09:46:38 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
09:46:54 Finn McMichael, DOR

09:48:17 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
09:48:53 Rep. Jim Hamilton-D  
09:51:18 Rep. Jill Cohenour  
09:51:33 Rep. Jim Hamilton-D  
09:52:31 Rep. Marty Malone  
09:52:49 Rep. Jim Hamilton-D  
09:54:11 Rep. Marilyn Marler  
09:54:56 Finn McMichael, DOR  
09:55:36 Rep. Dave Fern  
09:56:01 Rep. Jim Hamilton-D  
09:57:24 Rep. Dave Fern  
09:57:32 Rep. Jim Hamilton-D  
09:57:51 Rep. Tanner Smith  
09:58:33 Rep. Jim Hamilton-D

**Closing Statement:**

09:59:08 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, closed the hearing on HB 416.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:04:09

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Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230214TAHaad\)](#)