

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

Call to Order: Chair Paul Fielder-R, on February 15, 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. 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. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
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 420 02/08/2023

HB 459 02/10/2023

HB 469 02/10/2023

Executive Action:

09:04:09 Chair Fielder

HEARING ON HB 420 - Generally revise marijuana laws

Opening Statement:

09:04:47 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 420, Generally revise marijuana laws.

Proponent Testimony:

09:09:26 Kate Holova, Montana Cannabis Association
09:12:30 Joanna Barney, Sacred Sun Farms
09:15:12 Erica Siate, Stink Blossom and Hemp Plus
09:16:01 Zachery Thorvilson, Self
09:19:24 Kaari Fulton, Self
09:20:11 Elizabeth Pincolini, Alternative Wellness Montana

Opponent Testimony:

09:21:09 Thomas Jodas, Montana Leagues and Towns
09:22:26 Rep. Marilyn Marler joined the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:24:02 Kristin Barbour, DOR

Questions from Committee:

09:24:41 Rep. Alice Buckley
09:25:25 Kristan Barbour Dept. of Rev.
09:25:59 Rep. Marty Malone
09:26:17 Kristan Barbour Dept. of Rev.
09:26:31 Finn McMichael, DOR

09:27:27 Rep. Marty Malone
09:27:40 Kate Cholewa
09:28:50 Rep. Marty Malone
09:29:03 Kate Cholewa
09:29:30 Rep. Scot Kerns
09:30:08 Kate Cholewa
09:31:16 Rep. Dave Fern
09:31:53 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R
09:33:55 Rep. Edward Butcher
09:34:59 Thomas Jodoin
09:35:39 Rep. Sherry Essmann
09:36:03 Kate Cholewa
09:40:18 Rep. Edward Butcher
09:41:02 Kate Cholewa

Closing Statement:

09:41:48 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 420.

HEARING ON HB 459 - Revise filing deadline for intangible land value property tax exemption

Opening Statement:

09:45:05 Rep. Gary Parry (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 459, Revise filing deadline for intangible land value property tax exemption.

Proponent Testimony:

09:47:34 Kory Hofland, Administrator, Property Assessment, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:48:51 Bryce Kaatz

Questions from Committee:

09:49:23 Rep. Marty Malone

09:49:48 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:50:17 Kory Hofland Dept. of Rev.

09:51:03 Rep. Dave Fern

09:51:28 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

Closing Statement:

09:52:08 Rep. Gary Parry (R), HD 39, closed the hearing on HB 459.

HEARING ON HB 469 - Revise taxation of horizontally recompleted wells

Opening Statement:

09:53:03 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 469, Revise taxation of horizontally recompleted wells.

Proponent Testimony:

09:55:34 Adam Visosky, Oil and Gas

10:01:23 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum

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10:08:20 Aimee Grmoljez, Conoco Phillips

10:10:24 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

10:11:59 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:12:52 Tylar Flaig, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

10:13:36 Rep. Dave Fern
10:14:18 Alan Olsen Ex. Dir. MT Petroleum Association
10:16:35 Rep. Dave Fern
10:17:00 Alan Olsen Ex. Dir. MT Petroleum Association
10:17:42 Rep. Jill Cohenour
10:18:09 Tyler Flaig
10:19:27 Rep. Edward Butcher
10:19:44 Adam Viosky
10:20:54 Rep. Edward Butcher
10:21:14 Adam Viosky
10:21:33 Rep. Tanner Smith
10:22:00 Adam Viosky
10:22:38 Rep. Tanner Smith
10:22:53 Adam Viosky
10:23:37 Chair Paul Fielder
10:24:32 Alan Olsen Ex. Dir. MT Petroleum Association
10:27:05 Rep. Dave Fern
10:28:06 Adam Viosky
10:29:09 Rep. Joshua Kassmier joined the meeting.
10:29:28 Rep. Brad Barker
10:30:03 Informational Witness

10:30:35 Rep. Brad Barker
10:30:43 Tyler Flaig
10:31:05 Rep. Edward Butcher
10:31:31 Adam Viosky
10:32:09 Rep. Edward Butcher
10:32:21 Adam Viosky
10:32:55 Rep. Edward Butcher
10:33:11 Adam Viosky
10:33:42 Rep. Edward Butcher

Closing Statement:

10:34:12 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, closed the hearing on HB 469.

10:35:32 Chair Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:35:52

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230215TAHaad\)](#)

