

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Llew Jones-R, on February 16, 2023 at 3:07 PM, in 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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 02/15/2023
HB 268 02/15/2023
HB 462 02/13/2023

Executive Action:

HB 314 DO PASS
HB 325 DO PASS

11:41:03

HEARING ON HB 268 - Establish a child tax credit through the individual income tax

Opening Statement:

15:09:33 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 268,
Establish a child tax credit through the individual income tax.

Proponent Testimony:

15:10:25 Glenn Oppel, Policy Director, Governor

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15:11:58 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:12:47 Aaron McNay, Economist, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

15:13:03 Rep. Terry Moore

15:13:49 Aaron McNay DOR

15:14:06 Rep. Terry Moore

15:14:28 Aaron McNay, DOR

Closing Statement:

15:14:56 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 268.

HEARING ON HB 225 - Establish adoption tax credit

Opening Statement:

15:15:29 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 225, Establish adoption tax credit.

Proponent Testimony:

15:19:22 Glenn Oppel, Policy Director, Governor

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15:20:41 Erica Johnston, Human Service Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:21:25 Derek Bell, Division Administrator, Department of Revenue, Business and Income Tax Division (DOR)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:22:14 Aaron McNay, Economist, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

15:22:27 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:22:44 Derek Bell, DOR

15:24:24 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:25:12 Derek Bell, DOR

15:25:42 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:25:47 Aaron McNay DOR

15:25:49 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:26:26 Derek Bell, DOR

15:26:43 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:27:05 Derek Bell, DOR

15:27:22 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:27:57 Aaron McNay DOR

15:28:07 Derek Bell, DOR
15:28:46 Rep. Terry Falk
15:29:11 Derek Bell, DOR
15:29:20 Rep. Terry Falk
15:29:42 Derek Bell, DOR
15:30:15 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:30:40 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
15:31:04 Derek Bell, DOR
15:32:04 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:32:11 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy left the meeting.
15:32:23 Derek Bell, DOR
15:32:25 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:32:34 Derek Bell, DOR
15:32:39 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:33:00 Derek Bell, DOR
15:33:49 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:33:58 Derek Bell, DOR
15:34:06 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:34:47 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger-R
15:35:01 Rep. John Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

15:35:40 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R), HD 7, closed the hearing on HB 225.

Discussion:

15:39:13 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 462 - Revise distribution of marijuana revenues

Opening Statement:

15:41:30 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 462, Revise distribution of marijuana revenues.

Discussion:

15:44:00 Rep. Jane Gillette left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:46:48 Ryan Evans, Assistant Budget Director, Governor's Budget Office

15:48:45 Rep. Jane Gillette joined the meeting.

15:49:01 Bryan Lockerby, Administrator, Montana Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DOJ)

15:49:28 Rep. Jane Gillette left the meeting.

15:50:05 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy left the meeting.

15:52:51 Bryan Gootkin, Director, Department of Corrections

15:54:39 Steve Lavin, Chief Administrator, Montana Highway Patrol

15:58:15 Dan Guzynski, Prosecution Services Bureau Chief

16:01:35 Beth McLaughin, Supreme Court Administrator, Montana Judicial Branch

16:02:23 Charlie Brereton, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

16:03:25 Rebecca DeCamara, Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division (DPHHS)

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16:06:11 Tammy Plubell, Bureau Chief, Department of Justice, Appellate Services Bureau (DOJ)

16:12:26 Natalia Bowser, Director, Board of Crime Control

16:13:34 Dana Toole, Special Services Bureau Chief, Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DOJ)

16:14:18 Anne Dormady, Crime Information bureau Chief, Department of Justice, Montana Division of Criminal Investigation (DOJ)

16:14:43 Tom Livers, Shodair Children's Hospital

16:15:17 Kelly Ackerman, Administrator, Montana Department of Veteran Affairs

16:20:51 Colleen Rahn, Education Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

16:21:31 Will Selph, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

16:22:07 Jeff Patterson, Montana Veteran's Association (MVA)

16:22:40 Rodger Hagen, Montana Department of the American Legion

16:26:11 Steven Crawford, Bureau Chief, Narcotics Bureau, Department of Justice (DOJ)

16:26:56 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections

16:28:57 Lee Johnson, Investigations Bureau Chief, Montana Division of Criminal Investigation, Department of Justice (DOJ)

16:30:00 Justin Braun, Interim Bureau Chief, Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Academy (DOJ)

16:30:57 Jessie Luther, Associations of Montana Troopers

16:31:33 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association and Montana County Attorneys Association

16:32:16 Tracy Morano, Operations Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

16:33:28 Mary Windecker, Behavior health Alliance of Montana and Confluence Public Health Alliance

Opponent Testimony:

16:36:12 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsman's Club

16:39:31 Rep. Terry Moore left the meeting.

16:39:48 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy left the meeting.

16:41:00 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

16:41:17 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.

16:42:37 Joanne Gores, Self

16:44:33 Rep. Joe Read left the meeting.

16:46:08 Hal Herring, Self

16:48:26 Don Lepinsky, Self

16:50:33 Gayle Joslin, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association

16:52:24 Bruce Knutsen, Veterans Liaison

16:54:56 Darrell Brown, Self

16:55:32 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy joined the meeting.

16:55:49 Rep. Jane Gillette joined the meeting.

16:57:30 Dick Dolan, Northern Rockies Director, Trust for Public Land

17:00:40 Doug Krings, Self

17:01:53 Mike Mershon, Self

17:03:19 Andrew McKean, Self

17:04:49 Bert Lindler, Self

17:05:10 Rep. Joe Read joined the meeting.

17:05:49 Walker Conyngham, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers

17:07:57 Josh Slotnick, Self

17:10:13 Paul Dinkins, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:06:43 Dustin Temple, Deputy Director, Montana Department for Fish, Wildlife and Parks

17:07:02 Angie Nelson, Governor's Budget Office

17:07:26 Bryan Hannan, Governor's Budget Office

Questions from Committee:

17:11:04 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:11:15 Rep. Mike Hopkins joined the meeting.

17:12:09 Dustin Temple, FWP

17:12:35 Rep. Bill Mercer left the meeting.

17:12:43 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy left the meeting.

17:13:08 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:13:25 Dustin Temple, FWP

17:13:32 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:13:41 Dustin Temple, FWP

17:13:56 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:14:21 Rep. Bill Mercer joined the meeting.

17:14:29 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy joined the meeting.

17:14:38 Rep. Llew Jones joined the meeting.

17:15:01 Bryan Hannan

17:15:32 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:15:39 Rep. Terry Moore joined the meeting.

17:15:53 Rep. Jane Gillette left the meeting.

17:16:21 Bryan Hannan

17:16:30 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:16:32 Bryan Hannan

17:17:06 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:17:14 Bryan Hannan

17:18:22 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:19:39 Bryan Hannan

17:19:45 Rep. Fiona Nave

17:20:10 Ryan Evans
17:20:16 Rep. Fiona Nave
17:20:58 Ryan Evans
17:23:10 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard left the meeting.
17:24:16 Rep. David Bedey
17:24:21 Dustin Temple, FWP
17:25:02 Rep. David Bedey
17:25:04 Dustin Temple, FWP
17:26:04 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
17:26:16 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard joined the meeting.
17:26:37 Dustin Temple, FWP
17:27:21 Rep. Paul Tuss
17:28:53 Rep. Marta Bertoglio-R
17:29:28 Rep. Paul Tuss
17:29:36 Rep. Marta Bertoglio-R
17:29:43 Rep. John Fitzpatrick
17:30:39 Rep. Bill Mercer
17:30:46 Rep. John Fitzpatrick
17:31:07 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:32:17 Rep. Naarah Hastings
17:32:26 Ryan Evans
17:33:00 Rep. Naarah Hastings
17:33:24 Ryan Evans
17:33:38 Rep. Bill Mercer

17:35:39	Chris Marchion
17:36:20	Rep. Bill Mercer
17:37:10	Chris Marchion
17:37:46	Rep. Bill Mercer
17:38:42	Chris Marchion
17:40:37	Rep. Bill Mercer
17:41:33	Ryan Evans
17:42:22	Rep. Bill Mercer
17:43:16	Ryan Evans
17:43:42	Rep. Jim Hamilton
17:44:58	Rep. John Fitzpatrick left the meeting.
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17:49:44	Dustin Temple, FWP
17:50:44	Rep. Jim Hamilton
17:51:01	Dustin Temple, FWP

17:51:18 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
17:51:38 Ryan Evans
17:52:14 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
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17:53:30 Rep. Bill Mercer joined the meeting.
17:54:04 Rep. John Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.
17:54:09 Dustin Temple, FWP
17:54:21 Rep. David Bedey
17:55:05 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:55:31 Dustin Temple, FWP
17:55:49 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:55:54 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections
17:56:34 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:57:06 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections
17:57:18 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:57:19 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections
17:57:40 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:57:46 Coleen Smith, YC
17:58:01 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:58:03 Coleen Smith, YC
17:58:33 Rep. Mike Hopkins
17:59:13 Coleen Smith, YC
17:59:24 Rep. Mike Hopkins

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18:00:28 Rep. Mike Hopkins
18:00:39 Coleen Smith, YC
18:01:49 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
18:02:29 Rep. Marta Bertoglio-R
18:02:49 Rep. John Fitzpatrick
18:02:54 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.
18:03:26 Ryan Evans
18:03:41 Rep. Mary Caferro
18:04:09 Chris Marchion
18:04:28 Rep. Michele Binkley left the meeting.
18:04:50 Rep. Mary Caferro
18:05:24 Chris Marchion
18:06:37 Rep. Mary Caferro
18:07:19 Chris Marchion
18:08:12 Rep. Mary Caferro
18:08:22 Chris Marchion
18:09:36 Rep. Michele Binkley joined the meeting.
18:09:45 Rep. Mike Hopkins joined the meeting.
18:10:32 Rep. Mary Caferro
18:10:47 Chris Marchion
18:11:10 Rep. Jerry Schillinger
18:11:58 Dustin Temple, FWP
18:12:13 Rep. Mary Caferro

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18:18:03 Rep. Mary Caferro
18:19:29 Ryan Evans
18:20:08 Rep. Mary Caferro
18:20:29 Rep. David Bedey
18:21:20 Rep. Jim Hamilton

Closing Statement:

18:22:00 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, closed the hearing on HB 462.

Discussion:

18:25:38 Rep. Jane Gillette joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 314 - Revise compensation for members of boards, commissions, and councils

18:25:48 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 314 DO PASS.**

18:25:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Nave, Rep. Regier, voting no.
Rep. Gillette, Rep. Regier, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 325 - Revise eligibility for disabled veteran property tax assistance program

18:28:33 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 325 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:28:50 Rep. Jim Hamilton

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Vote: Motion carried 19 - 4 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton,
Rep. Keogh, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:31:59

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230216APHaad\)](#)