

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Paul Fielder-R, on February 23, 2023 at 8:00 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. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
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. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (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 543 02/17/2023

Executive Action:

HB 447 DO PASS
HB 454 TO TABLE
HB 459 DO PASS
HB 469 DO PASS
HB 476 TO TABLE

HEARING ON HB 543 - Revise laws for ballot wording for bonds and levies

Opening Statement:

08:03:53 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 543, Revise laws for ballot wording for bonds and levies.

Proponent Testimony:

08:07:08 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association, (MTPA)

08:09:14 Matt Sullivan, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:11:57 Rep. Brad Barker

08:12:16 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R

08:12:56 Rep. Sue Vinton

08:13:24 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R

Closing Statement:

08:14:09 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, closed the hearing on HB 543.

08:15:56 **Recessed**

08:47:22 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 447 - Provide for exceptions to imposition of income tax on certain nonresidents

08:47:38 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 447 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 454 - Provide for a renewable resource electrical production tax

08:49:38 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 454 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

08:49:55 Rep. Jill Cohenour

08:50:02 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Jill Cohenour moved that **HB 454 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Substitute Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Essmann, voting no.

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

08:51:00 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 459 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 469 - Revise taxation of horizontally recompleted wells

08:52:19 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 469 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

08:53:11 Rep. Paul Fielder

08:53:14 Rep. Marty Malone

08:53:17 Rep. Jill Cohenour

Vote: Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 476 - Provide for property tax exemption for certain residential property

08:55:23 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 476 DO PASS.**

08:55:45 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 476 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:57:04

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230223TAHaad\)](#)