

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Paul Fielder-R, on February 28, 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. 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. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Brad Barker (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)

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 494 02/23/2023

HB 496 02/23/2023

Executive Action:

HB 685 DO PASS
HB 613 TO TABLE
HB 601 DO PASS
HB 526 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 494 - Revise property tax assistance program and disabled veteran program

Opening Statement:

08:03:26 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 494, Revise property tax assistance program and disabled veteran program.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:12:51 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:13:12 Brittany Mari, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:13:44 Rep. Russel Miner

08:13:55 Rep. Jim Hamilton-D

08:14:07 Rep. Dave Fern

08:16:04 Rep. Scot Kerns

08:21:05 Rep. George Nikolakakos

08:21:37 Brittany Mari, DOR

08:22:17 Rep. Scot Kerns

08:22:59 Brittany Mari, DOR

08:23:20 Rep. Mark Thane

08:23:45 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

Closing Statement:

08:24:19 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, closed the hearing on HB 494.

HEARING ON HB 496 - Provide for health care preceptor individual income tax credit

Opening Statement:

08:26:22 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 496, Provide for health care preceptor individual income tax credit.

Proponent Testimony:

08:28:44 Sarah Shannon, Dean, College of Nursing, Montana State University (MSU)

08:30:49 John Cech, President, Carroll College

08:35:42 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association

08:37:14 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

08:38:21 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

08:44:17 Jean Branscom, Montana Medical Association

08:48:45 Wade Hill, Self

Opponent Testimony:

08:53:04 John Iverson, Society of CPAs

08:54:24 Kristi Monson, Montana Family Pharmacies

08:57:03 Chris Halko, Self

08:58:09 Kori Miller, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:59:19 Joe Thiel, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (MUS)

08:59:37 Aaron McNay, DOR

08:59:55 Jake Ford, DOR

Questions from Committee:

09:00:31 Rep. Mark Thane

09:00:59 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R
09:01:39 Rep. Paul Fielder
09:01:50 Sarah Shannon, MSU
09:02:46 Rep. Sue Vinton
09:02:58 Joe Thiel, MUS
09:03:15 Rep. Dave Fern
09:03:54 Aaron McNay, DOR
09:04:34 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
09:05:22 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R
09:06:11 Rep. Paul Fielder
09:06:28 Megan Moore
09:06:53 Rep. Sue Vinton
09:07:22 Sarah Shannon, MSU
09:09:25 Rep. Dave Fern
09:11:50 Rep. Russel Miner
09:12:05 Sarah Shannon, MSU
09:13:22 Rep. Edward Butcher
09:15:29 Joe Thiel, MUS
09:17:34 Rep. Sherry Essmann
09:17:55 Sarah Shannon, MSU
09:20:00 Rep. Marty Malone
09:20:14 Sarah Shannon, MSU

Closing Statement:

09:20:45 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, closed the hearing on HB 496.

09:23:19 **Recessed**
10:07:21 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 685 - Revise methods for valuing commercial condominiums

10:07:48 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 685 DO PASS.**
Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 613 - Using excess revenue to fund local property tax relief

10:09:54 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 613 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:10:12 Rep. Jill Cohenour

10:11:07 Rep. Mark Thane

10:11:14 **Motion:** Rep. Mark Thane moved that **HB 613 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:13:33 Rep. Marty Malone

Vote: Motion failed 13 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Malone, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting yes.
Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

10:14:25 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 613 DO PASS.**

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.
Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

10:42:04 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Mark Thane moved that **HB 613 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 601 - Revise annual job growth incentive tax credit

10:16:25 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 601 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 526 - Repeal state tax on social security income

10:17:27 **Motion:** Rep. Tom Welch moved that **HB 526 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:17:41 Rep. Dave Fern

10:18:30 Rep. Paul Fielder

10:18:51 Rep. Alice Buckley

10:20:31 Rep. Paul Fielder

10:21:12 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

10:21:59 Rep. Marty Malone

Vote: Motion carried 13 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Nikolakakos, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:26:17

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230228TAHaad\)](#)