

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom Welch-R, on March 14, 2023 at 8:59 AM, in 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: 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. Joshua Kassmier (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. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (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 818 03/10/2023

HB 820 03/10/2023

Executive Action:

09:02:26 **Recessed**

09:04:05 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 818 - Generally revise laws related to funding for school facilities

Opening Statement:

09:04:21 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 818,
Generally revise laws related to funding for school facilities.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230314TAHa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

09:09:04 Shelley Turner, Advocates for Montana Schools

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:10:52 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning

09:12:30 Paul Taylor, Budget Analyst, OPI

09:12:55 Pad McCrackin, Legislative Services Division

Questions from Committee:

09:14:04 Rep. Sue Vinton

09:14:08 Rep. Linda Reksten-R

09:14:38 Paul Taylor, OPI

09:17:16 Rep. Edward Butcher

09:17:56 Rep. Linda Reksten-R

09:18:32 Nancy Hall, OBPP

09:19:26 Vice Chair Mark Thane
09:19:35 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:20:19 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
09:21:07 Rep. Linda Reksten-R
09:21:44 Pad McCrackin, LSD
09:23:45 Rep. Dave Fern
09:24:21 Pad McCrackin, LSD
09:27:35 Rep. Edward Butcher
09:28:05 Pad McCrackin, LSD
09:28:23 Nancy Hall, OBPP
09:28:57 Rep. Sue Vinton left the meeting.
09:29:35 Rep. Sherry Essmann
09:29:52 Rep. Linda Reksten-R
09:30:00 Rep. Marilyn Marler joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

09:30:33 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, closed the hearing on HB 818.

HEARING ON HB 820 - Provide property tax exemption for employer-provided housing

Opening Statement:

09:31:47 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 820, Provide property tax exemption for employer-provided housing.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:33:51 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:35:43 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue

09:35:59 Kory Hoffland, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee:

09:36:32 Rep. George Nikolakakos

09:37:04 Rep. Marty Malone-R

09:37:34 Vice Chair Mark Thane

09:38:24 Rep. Marty Malone-R

09:39:42 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:40:28 Rep. Alice Buckley

09:41:28 Rep. Marty Malone-R

09:42:36 Rep. Marilyn Marler

09:43:32 Rep. Marty Malone-R

09:44:12 Rep. Dave Fern

09:44:28 Rep. Marty Malone-R

Closing Statement:

09:46:14 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, closed the hearing on HB 820.

09:47:45 Committee Business

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:49:10

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230314TAHaad\)](#)