

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom Welch-R, on March 15, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Mark Thane, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Barker (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)
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. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)

Staff Present: Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary
Megan Moore, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 235 03/11/2023

SB 24 03/11/2023

SB 27 03/11/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 24 - Require corporations to file electronic income tax returns

Opening Statement:

09:04:30 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 24, Require corporations to file electronic income tax returns.

Proponent Testimony:

09:06:35 Derek Bell, Department of Revenue

09:10:03 Rhonda Wiggers, NFIB

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:11:48 Jill Hamilton, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee:

09:12:26 Rep. Jill Cohenour

09:12:46 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

09:13:16 Rep. Tanner Smith

09:13:31 Jill Hamilton Dept. of Rev.

Closing Statement:

09:13:58 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 24.

HEARING ON SB 27 - Revise MEDIA Act reporting requirements

Opening Statement:

09:14:32 Sen. Walt Sales (R), SD 69, opened the hearing on SB 27, Revise MEDIA Act reporting requirements.

Proponent Testimony:

09:15:59 Derek Bell, Department of Revenue

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:18:27 David Merrien, Department of Revenue

09:18:49 Allison Whitmer, Department of Commerce

Questions from Committee:

09:19:32 Rep. Marty Malone

09:19:54 David Merrien, Department of Revenue

Closing Statement:

09:20:48 Sen. Walt Sales (R), SD 69, closed the hearing on SB 27.

09:22:21 **Recessed**

09:25:03 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 235 - Revise social security income taxation

Opening Statement:

09:25:16 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 235, Revise social security income taxation.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

09:28:19 Mike Batista, AARP

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:31:55 Aaron McNay, Department of Revenue

09:32:11 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee:

09:32:50 Rep. Marty Malone

09:33:32 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D

09:36:24 Rep. Tanner Smith

09:36:40 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D

09:38:11 Vice Chair Mark Thane

09:38:27 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue

Closing Statement:

09:39:40 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, closed the hearing on HB 235.

09:42:30 Pass consideration on SB 46

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:43:24

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230315TAHaad\)](#)

