

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

Call to Order: Chair Paul Fielder-R, on April 06, 2023 at 8:01 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. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (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:

SB 104 04/03/2023

SB 246 04/03/2023

SB 303 04/03/2023

SB 332 04/03/2023
Executive Action:

08:04:02 Chair Fielder

HEARING ON SB 104 - Exempt retired military pensions from state income tax

Opening Statement:

08:05:40 Sen. John Fuller (R), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 104, Exempt retired military pensions from state income tax.

Proponent Testimony:

08:09:32 Roger Hagen, Montana American Legion

08:12:08 Jeff Schlepp, VFW Montana

08:12:56 Tim Sheehy, Self

08:14:54 Duane Cunningham, Montana American Legion

08:16:33 Ed Byrne, Self

08:18:45 Rebecca Meyers, MT Economic Development Association

08:20:46 Charles Robison, MT Chamber of Commerce

08:21:13 Bob Story, MT Taxpayers Association

08:21:36 Allison Corbyn, Big Sky Economic Development

08:23:24 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

Opponent Testimony:

08:24:45 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:26:35 Aaron McNay, DOR

08:26:51 Derek Bell, DOR

Questions from Committee:

08:27:18 Rep. Scot Kerns

08:27:36 Tim Sheehy
08:28:06 Sen. John Fuller-R
08:29:27 Vice Chair Mark Thane
08:29:54 Sen. John Fuller-R
08:32:30 Rep. Marty Malone
08:32:48 Sen. John Fuller-R
08:33:16 Rep. Kim Abbott joined the meeting.
08:33:30 Rep. Tanner Smith joined the meeting.
08:33:38 Rep. Jill Cohenour joined the meeting.
08:33:54 Rep. Marilyn Marler joined the meeting.
08:34:03 Rep. Alice Buckley joined the meeting.
08:35:59 Rep. Marilyn Marler
08:36:35 Sen. John Fuller-R
08:38:30 Rep. Brad Barker
08:38:42 Allison Corbyn
08:40:40 Rep. Dave Fern
08:40:50 Allison Corbyn
08:43:18 Rep. George Nikolakakos
08:43:31 Roger Hagen

Closing Statement:

08:45:20 Sen. John Fuller (R), SD 8, closed the hearing on SB 104.

HEARING ON SB 246 - Revise corporate income tax water's-edge election laws

Opening Statement:

08:47:21 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 246, Revise corporate income tax water's-edge election laws.

Proponent Testimony:

08:51:49 Derek Bell, DOR

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08:56:12 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

08:59:20 John Iverson, Montana Society of CPAs

08:59:56 Charles Robison, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponent Testimony:

09:00:37 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

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Questions from Committee:

09:08:27 Rep. Jill Cohenour

09:08:37 Rose Bender MT Budget and Policy Center

09:09:13 Rep. Dave Fern

09:09:28 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.

09:13:10 Rep. Scot Kerns

09:13:34 Finn McMichael

09:17:56 Chair Paul Fielder

09:18:27 Bob Story MT Tax Payers Association

09:19:30 Vice Chair Mark Thane

09:19:50 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.

09:20:25 Rep. Tanner Smith

09:20:35 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.

09:22:41 Rep. Jill Cohenour

09:23:17 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.
09:24:02 Rep. Brad Barker
09:25:25 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.
09:25:27 Rep. Dave Fern
09:26:08 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.

Closing Statement:

09:28:06 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 246.

HEARING ON SB 303 - Revise withholding penalties for certain taxes

Opening Statement:

09:30:50 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 303, Revise withholding penalties for certain taxes.

Proponent Testimony:

09:35:07 Derek Bell, DOR
09:37:21 John Iverson, Montana Society of CPAs

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:38:41 Jennifer Hicks, DOR
09:38:59 Kristin Gutowsky, DOR
09:39:21 Aaron McNay, DOR

Questions from Committee:

09:39:56 Rep. Jill Cohenour
09:40:12 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
09:40:33 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.

09:41:14 Rep. Marty Malone

09:41:30 Derek Bell Dept. of Rev.

Closing Statement:

09:41:54 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 303.

HEARING ON SB 332 - Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions

Opening Statement:

09:42:31 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 332, Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:44:53 Rep. Marty Malone

09:45:10 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

09:46:17 Megan Moore

09:47:01 Rep. Edward Butcher

09:47:36 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

09:48:12 Vice Chair Mark Thane

09:50:13 Chair Paul Fielder

09:50:31 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Closing Statement:

09:50:40 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 332.

09:51:18 Rep. Fern passed out draft Joint Resolution, LC 3672

09:53:28 **Committee Discussion:** Megan Moore

09:55:18 **Committee Discussion:** Vice Chair Thane

09:57:03 Rep. Dave Fern

09:58:02 Vice Chair Mark Thane

09:58:53 Rep. Edward Butcher

10:01:14 Rep. Tanner Smith

10:01:29 Rep. Marty Malone

10:02:44 Chair Paul Fielder

10:03:28 Vice Chair Mark Thane

10:04:09 Chair Paul Fielder

10:08:35 Megan Moore

10:09:21 Rep. Brad Barker

10:09:39 Chair Paul Fielder

10:09:43 Rep. Jill Cohenour

10:11:58 Chair Paul Fielder

10:12:15 Rep. Tanner Smith

10:12:57 Chair Paul Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:14:04

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230406TAHaad\)](#)