

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

Call to Order: Chair Paul Fielder-R, on April 18, 2023 at 8:02 AM, in Room 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Paul Fielder, Chair (R)
Rep. Mark Thane, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
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. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Brad Barker (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (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 507 04/14/2023

SB 523 04/14/2023

Executive Action:

08:04:30 **Committee Discussion:** Chair Fielder

HEARING ON SB 507 - Generally revise tax laws

Opening Statement:

08:06:17 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 507,
Generally revise tax laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

08:15:01 Rebecca Meyers, County Treasurers Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:18:02 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board

08:18:25 Kory Hofland, DOR

Questions from Committee:

08:19:31 Rep. Jill Cohenour

08:19:35 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

08:19:42 Rep. Edward Butcher

08:20:02 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

08:23:09 Rep. Marty Malone

08:23:22 Rebecca Meyers

08:25:13 Rep. Marty Malone

08:25:15 Megan Moore

Closing Statement:

08:25:47 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 507.

HEARING ON SB 523 - Generally revise tax increment financing laws

Opening Statement:

08:27:59 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 523, Generally revise tax increment financing laws.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:43:04 Terry Falk, Representative HD 8

08:45:46 Lyn Hellegaard, Representative HD 97

08:47:42 Mike Hopkins, Representative HD 92

08:49:40 Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana

08:53:32 Jesse Ramos, Americans for Prosperity

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa3\)](#)

08:55:48 Travis Mateer, Self

08:57:34 Sandra Vasecka, Missoula City Council

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa4\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa5\)](#)

08:59:48 Katherine Kennedy, Self

09:00:49 Nicole White, Self

09:02:06 Nathan White, Self

09:04:04 Brian West, Self

09:07:57 John Conta, Self

09:09:29 Lisa Thomas, Self

09:11:27 Cheryl Drake, Self
09:13:03 Frank Chappel, Self
09:15:47 Sherry Chappel, Self
09:16:29 Henry Kriegel, Self
[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa6\)](#)
09:18:58 Lana Hamilton, Self
09:20:14 Melina Pyron, Self
09:22:26 RemBrandt Miller, Self
09:24:51 Nathan Holton, Self
09:25:23 Dara Wilson, Self
09:26:51 Wyatt Lapraim, Self
09:27:53 Alan Ault, Self
09:29:23 Robert Moore, Self
09:31:32 Chris Kennedy, Self
09:33:44 Matts Larson, Self
09:35:07 Daniel Carlino, Self
09:36:55 J. Kevin Hunt, Self
09:39:03 Sonia Shearer, Self
09:40:25 Jeff Essman, Self
09:42:31 Bill Zader, Self
09:44:11 Victoria Foster, Self
09:45:20 Matthew Feth, Self
09:46:20 Pam Purinton, Self
09:47:46 Elizabeth Heaney, Self

09:49:06 Taylor Ramos, Self

Opponent Testimony:

09:50:22 Karen Byrnes, Community Development Butte Silverbow

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa7\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa8\)](#)

09:52:34 J.J. Adams, Hotel Finlen

09:54:51 Brent Campbell, Self

09:56:45 Kristin Rosa, Economic Development Butte Silverbow

09:58:19 Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Alliance

10:00:19 Cory Shaw, Montana Building Association

10:01:17 Craig Rickert, Self

10:03:22 Robert Lateiner, Self

10:05:21 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Economic Developers Association

10:07:34 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering Companies of Montana

10:09:23 Julie Foster, Economic Development Authority Ravalli County

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa9\)](#)

10:11:47 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association

10:13:15 Dan Ellison, Jefferson County

10:14:45 Gwen Jones, Missoula City Council

10:16:54 Jordan Hess, Mayor, Missoula Montana

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa11\)](#)

10:19:15 Mae Ann Ellingson, Self

10:21:31 Linda Caricaburu, Self

[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa12\)](#)

10:23:22 Brad Talcott, Great Falls, West Bank Urban Renewal

10:25:36 Cary Hegreberg, MT Banking Association

10:26:58 Jennifer James, Montana Architects

10:27:33 Kevin Germaine, Big Sky Resort Area

10:28:27 Ameer Grmoljez, Montana Travel Association

10:30:03 David Fine, City of Bozeman

10:32:11 Jesse Luther, Hospitality and Development Association

10:34:29 Evan Barrott, Self

10:36:28 Charles Robison, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:37:20 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

10:38:24 Grant Kier, Missoula Economic Development

10:40:12 Heather Harp, Habitat for Humanity, Missoula

10:42:15 Nevin Graves, Habitat for Humanity, Missoula

10:44:01 Allison Corbyn, Big Sky Economic Development

10:44:55 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

10:46:33 Ted Barkley, City of Belgrade

10:48:08 Joe Easton, Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country

10:49:57 Sara Hudson, Snowy Mountain Development, Lewistown

10:52:13 Glenn Tremper, Self

10:54:27 Jeff Smith, WGM Group

10:55:43 Jeff Jessop, Self

10:57:59 Russ Nelson, Mayor of Belgrade

10:59:20 Emily Brock, Missoula County

11:00:44 Molly Bradford, Self
11:03:05 Aimee McQuilkin, Self
11:04:22 Matt Sullivan, Self
[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa13\)](#)
11:06:45 David Erickson, Self
11:08:15 Steve Nelson, Self
11:10:28 John Giuliani, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:13:24 Rep. Jill Cohenour
11:16:12 Vice Chair Mark Thane
11:16:22 Steve Nelson
11:18:46 Rep. Marilyn Marler
11:19:01 Jordan Hess
[EXHIBIT\(230418TAHa14\)](#)
11:22:13 Rep. Melissa Romano
11:22:19 Evan Barrott
11:26:22 Rep. Dave Fern
11:26:31 Mae Ann Ellingson
11:30:38 Rep. Jill Cohenour
11:30:45 Sara Hudson
11:33:13 Rep. Marty Malone
11:33:21 David Fine
11:34:53 Rep. Marty Malone

11:35:00 Kevin Germaine
11:35:52 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:36:03 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
11:37:47 Rep. George Nikolakakos
11:38:01 Brett Doney
11:41:12 Rep. Edward Butcher
11:41:24 Kevin Germaine
11:45:45 Rep. Marilyn Marler
11:45:53 Heather Harp
11:47:52 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:47:57 Jesse Ramos
11:50:43 Rep. Edward Butcher
11:50:53 Heather Harp
11:52:57 Rep. Marty Malone

Closing Statement:

11:53:41 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 523.

12:08:15 **Committee Discussion:** Bob Story, Booklet Handout, Additional Document

12:10:58 **Committee Discussion:** Chair Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:12:29

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230418TAHaad\)](#)