

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Paul Fielder-R, on April 19, 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. Alice Buckley (D)  
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Russel Miner (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
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:

HJ 2 04/12/2023

Executive Action:



08:03:13            **Committee Discussion:** Vice Chair Thane  
08:04:29            **Committee Discussion:** Chair Fielder  
08:05:10            Gavel to Vice Chair Welch

**HEARING ON HJ 2 - Revenue estimating resolution**

**Opening Statement:**

08:05:40            Representative Paul Fielder HD 13 opened the hearing on HJ 2, Revenue estimating resolution.

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:07:56            Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division  
08:08:23            Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division  
[EXHIBIT\(230419TAHa1\)](#)  
08:28:22            Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division  
[EXHIBIT\(230419TAHa2\)](#)  
08:40:15            Susie Lindsey, Legislative Fiscal Division  
08:43:48            Ryan Evans, Governor's Office

**Questions from Committee:**

08:20:37            Vice Chair Mark Thane  
08:20:48            Sam Schaefer, LFD  
08:22:34            Rep. Dave Fern  
08:22:41            Sam Schaefer, LFD  
08:24:20            Rep. Jill Cohenour  
08:24:27            Sam Schaefer, LFD

08:26:04 Rep. Marty Malone  
08:26:10 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
08:37:01 Vice Chair Mark Thane  
08:37:07 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
08:38:11 Rep. Marty Malone  
08:38:16 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
08:39:04 Rep. Dave Fern  
08:39:11 Sam Schaefer, LFD  
08:46:57 Rep. Dave Fern  
08:47:13 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office  
08:47:40 Rep. Marty Malone  
08:48:09 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office  
08:48:43 Rep. Tanner Smith  
08:48:49 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:50:19 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

08:55:14 Representative Paul Fielder closed the hearing on HJ 2.

08:56:10 Gavel to Chair Fielder

08:56:39 **Committee Discussion:** Chair Fielder

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 08:57:54

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Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230419TAHaad\)](#)