

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on April 20, 2023 at 3:59 PM, in Room 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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 04/20/2023

SB 442 04/20/2023

SB 510 04/20/2023

SB 522 04/20/2023

Executive Action:

SB 506

SB 122 BE CONCURRED IN

SB 246

HEARING ON SB 522 - Provide hotels with grants to shelter victims of violence and human trafficking

Opening Statement:

16:02:03 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 522, Provide hotels with grants to shelter victims of violence and human trafficking.

Discussion:

16:02:20 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting and Rep. Hopkins left the meeting.

16:04:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:05:32 Rep. Naarah Hastings

16:06:01 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

Closing Statement:

16:06:13 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 522.

HEARING ON SB 510 - Provide property tax incentives for alternative fuel production

Opening Statement:

16:06:52 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 510, Provide property tax incentives for alternative fuel production.

Proponent Testimony:

16:08:11 Dave Galt, Montana Renewables

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:09:07 Bryce Kaatz, Bureau Chief, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

16:09:22 Jared Isom, Department of Revenue (DOR)

16:10:15 Rep. Mercer joined the meetin.

Questions from Committee:

16:09:47 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:09:52 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

16:10:01 Rep. Jane Gillette

16:11:36 Chair Llew Jones

16:12:52 Rep. Terry Falk

16:13:22 Dave Galt, Montana Renewables

16:16:43 Rep. Paul Tuss

16:17:32 Dave Galt, Montana Renewables

16:18:30 Chair Llew Jones

16:19:15 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

Closing Statement:

16:22:23 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 510.

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

Opening Statement:

16:23:55 Sen. John Fuller (R), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 104, Exempt retired military pensions from state income tax.

Proponent Testimony:

16:26:15 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion, Montana National Guard Officers and Enlisted Associations

16:26:51 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA), Billings Chamber of Commerce, Montana Chamber of Commerce

16:27:17 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

16:27:37 Allison Corbyn, Big Sky Economic Development

Opponent Testimony:

16:28:50 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:30:03 Aaron McNay, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

16:30:27 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:31:45 Sen. John Fuller-R

16:35:58 Rep. Bill Mercer

16:37:53 Sen. John Fuller-R

16:38:14 Rep. Fiona Nave

16:39:51 Rebecca Meyers, MEDA

16:41:35 Allison Corbyn, BSED

16:42:23 Vice Chair Caferro left the meeting.

16:42:32 Rep. Fiona Nave

16:43:14 Rep. Bill Mercer

16:46:11 Roger Hagan, American Legion

16:47:11 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

16:47:51 Sen. John Fuller-R
16:48:48 Rep. Jane Gillette
16:49:20 Sen. John Fuller-R
16:50:48 Rep. Naarah Hastings
16:51:01 Sen. John Fuller-R

Closing Statement:

16:52:30 Sen. John Fuller (R), SD 8, closed the hearing on SB 104.

HEARING ON SB 442 - Allow marijuana tax revenue to be used for county road maintenance

Opening Statement:

16:54:06 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 442, Allow marijuana tax revenue to be used for county road maintenance.

Proponent Testimony:

16:57:07 Ben Lamb, Montana Citizens Elk Management Coalition, Montana Wood Products Association, Montana Petroleum Association
16:57:47 Ross Butcher, Commissioner, Fergus County, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
16:58:56 Shelby Demars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM), Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)
16:59:41 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion, Montana National Guard and Officer & Enlisted Associations, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association
17:00:16 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
17:00:49 Jocelyn Leroux, Montana Conservation Voters
17:01:22 Noah Marion, Wild Montana, Montana Trout Unlimited
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17:02:26 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association

17:02:48 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
17:03:23 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation
17:03:40 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
17:04:33 Mark Aagenes, Nature Conservancy
17:05:01 Marty Malone, HD 59

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:05:45 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
17:06:02 Sen. Mike Lang-R
17:07:13 Rep. Fiona Nave
17:08:46 Sen. Mike Lang-R
17:09:10 Rep. David Bedey
17:09:38 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
17:10:07 Sen. Mike Lang-R
17:11:14 Rep. Bill Mercer
17:11:28 Sen. Mike Lang-R
17:12:00 Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting.
17:15:13 Rep. Jerry Schillinger
17:15:55 Sen. Mike Lang-R
17:17:27 Rep. Naarah Hastings

Closing Statement:

17:18:30 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, closed the hearing on SB 442.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 506 - Increase and repeal termination of Montana charitable endowment tax credit

17:20:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 506 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

17:20:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:21:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 506 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:21:50 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting/

17:21:45 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Tom Welch

17:22:27 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 506 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:22:47 Chair Llew Jones

17:23:06 Rep. Terry Falk

17:23:38 Quinn Holzer

17:23:55 Rep. Bill Mercer

17:24:40 Rep. Jim Hamilton

17:22:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:25:00 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 506 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

17:25:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Nave, voting no.

17:25:00 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Tom Welch

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 122 - Revise cigar tax based on a fixed amount per cigar

17:25:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 122 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

17:25:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, voting no.
Rep. Fitzpatrick, By Proxy

17:27:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 122 BE CONCURRED IN.**

- 17:27:14 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Brad Barker
- 17:29:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 122 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 17:29:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, voting no.

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

- 17:31:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 246 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**
- 17:31:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
- 17:32:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 246 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

- 17:27:43 Reconsider actions on SB 122 Amendment
- 17:32:44 Rep. Jim Hamilton
- 17:33:07 Chair Llew Jones
- 17:34:36 Rep. David Bedey
- 17:32:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Moore, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
- 17:32:32 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Brad Barker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:39:06

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