

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

Call to Order: Chair Paul Fielder-R, on April 21, 2023 at 9:04 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. 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
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:

Executive Action:

SB 507 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
SB 523 TO TABLE
HJ 2 DO PASS

09:06:11 **Committee Discussion:** Chair Fielder

09:07:16 **Committee Discussion:** Work Session HJ 2

09:07:54 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)

09:08:05 [EXHIBIT\(230421TAHa1\)](#)

09:19:49 Chair Paul Fielder

09:20:02 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:21:02 Rep. Dave Fern

09:21:17 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:22:27 Chair Paul Fielder

09:22:39 Vice Chair Mark Thane

09:23:10 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:23:35 Rep. Tanner Smith

09:23:49 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office, OBPP

09:24:01 [EXHIBIT\(230421TAHa2\)](#)

09:34:38 Ralf Franklin, Governor's Office, OBPP

09:35:04 [EXHIBIT\(230421TAHa3\)](#)

09:38:06 Nancy Hall, Governor's Office, OBPP

09:38:38 Brian Hannan, Governor's Office, OBPP

09:39:11 Chris Watson, Governor's Office, OBPP

09:40:13 Rep. Jill Cohenour

09:40:30 Ralph Franklin, OBPP

09:42:14 [EXHIBIT\(230421TAHa4\)](#)

09:56:30 Rep. Dave Fern
09:56:38 Ryan Evans, OBPP
09:58:56 Sam Schaefer, LFD
10:01:46 Rep. Marty Malone
10:01:52 Ralph Franklin, OBPP
10:04:22 Rep. Jill Cohenour
10:04:57 Ralph Franklin, OBPP
10:05:24 Chris Watson, OBPP
10:08:49 Chair Paul Fielder
10:09:39 Vice Chair Tom Welch
10:10:37 Rep. Marilyn Marler
10:10:44 Sam Schaefer, OBPP
10:11:27 **Recessed**
10:45:11 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 507 - Generally revise tax laws

10:45:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Thane moved that **SB 507 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:45:28 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen joined the meeting.

10:45:28 Rep. Joshua Kassmier left the meeting.

10:45:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Tom Welch moved that **SB 507 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:46:03 Megan Moore

10:46:18 Rep. Marty Malone

10:46:36 Chair Paul Fielder

10:47:09 Vice Chair Tom Welch

10:45:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Malone, voting no.

- 10:48:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Tom Welch moved that **SB 507 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 10:48:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:48:53 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jill Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 523 - Generally revise tax increment financing laws

- 10:49:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Tom Welch moved that **SB 523 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:50:34 **Motion:** Rep. Joshua Kassmier moved that **SB 523 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 10:51:03 Megan Moore
- 10:57:54 Rep. Tanner Smith
- 10:58:37 Rep. Marilyn Marler
- 10:50:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, By Proxy
- 11:01:38 **Motion:** Rep. Jill Cohenour moved that **SB 523 TO TABLE.**
- 11:01:38 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 9 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fern, Rep. Malone, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Thane, Rep. Welch, voting yes.
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, By Proxy
- 11:03:09 **Motion:** Chair Paul Fielder moved that **SB 523 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 11:03:24 Rep. Dave Fern
- 11:04:54 Chair Paul Fielder
- 11:05:27 Rep. Edward Butcher
- 11:07:37 Rep. Jill Cohenour
- 11:10:14 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
- 11:10:49 Vice Chair Mark Thane
- 11:12:33 Rep. Marty Malone
- 11:03:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 13 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Barker, Rep. Brewster, Rep. Butcher, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Smith, Rep. Vinton, voting yes.

11:15:16 **Motion:** Rep. Jill Cohenour moved that **SB 523 TO TABLE.**

11:15:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Brewster, Rep. Butcher, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Smith, Rep. Vinton, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 2 - Revenue estimating resolution

11:17:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Tom Welch moved that **HJ 2 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:17:54 Rep. Jill Cohenour

11:18:24 Chair Paul Fielder

11:18:34 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

11:18:49 Megan Moore

11:19:02 Chair Paul Fielder

11:17:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:22:00

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230421TAHaad\)](#)