

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Greg Hertz-R, on January 31, 2023 at 8:57 AM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Greg Hertz, Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Research Analyst
Lorna Mason, 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 125 01/28/2023

SB 194 01/29/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 125 - Limit certain property tax levies to 5 years without reapproval

Opening Statement:

09:01:35 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 125, Limit certain property tax levies to 5 years without reapproval.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:09:23 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
09:10:28 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
09:11:12 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition
09:12:35 Shelby Demars, Montana Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
09:13:21 Sam Forstag, Montana Public Libraries
09:14:36 Erik Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
09:16:21 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
09:20:17 Bob Gilbert, self
09:22:49 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty joined the meeting.
09:23:36 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospitals Association
09:24:12 Lori Roberts, Dillon Public Library
09:26:28 John Finn, Lewis and Clark Public Library

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:29:33 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
09:29:41 John Finn, Lewis and Clark Library
09:32:14 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

09:32:18 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
09:32:25 John Finn, Lewis and Clark Library
09:32:50 Sen. Brad Molnar
09:32:52 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
09:36:23 Sen. Becky Beard
09:36:29 Eric Bryson, MACo
09:38:40 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
09:38:43 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
09:42:12 Sen. Wendy McKamey
09:42:15 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
09:44:47 Sen. Brad Molnar
09:44:50 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
09:47:07 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
09:47:10 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
09:48:26 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
09:48:30 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
09:49:41 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel
09:49:44 Eric Bryson, MACo

Closing Statement:

09:50:31 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 125.

HEARING ON SB 194 - Income tax credit for landlords who rent for below market rate

Opening Statement:

09:51:48 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, opened the hearing on SB 194, Income tax credit for landlords who rent for below market rate.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

09:57:39 Linda Beischel, self
10:00:13 Bonnie Lambert, Montana Democratic Socialist of America
10:02:35 Ann Schwenn, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
10:03:42 Ethan Hanley, Association of Students, University of Montana
10:04:39 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)
10:07:27 Walter Rowntree, self
10:13:42 Toby Scott, self
10:14:43 Leighton Davis, self

Opponent Testimony:

10:17:10 Allen Lloyd, Association of CPAs
10:20:02 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:21:20 Finn McMichael, Department of Revenue (DOR)
10:21:37 David Merrien, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

10:22:30 Sen. Becky Beard
10:22:33 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell-D
10:23:38 Sen. Brad Molnar
10:23:41 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell-D
10:26:41 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
10:26:53 John Sinrud, MLA
10:31:24 Sen. Greg Hertz
10:31:26 John Sinrud, MLA

10:32:41 Sen. Greg Hertz
10:32:43 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell-D
10:36:11 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

Closing Statement:

10:36:43 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, closed the hearing on SB 194.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:42:11

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230131TASaad\)](#)