

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 31, 2023 at 8:04 AM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Walsh, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 449 03/30/2023
SB 516 03/30/2023
SB 522 03/30/2023
SB 529 03/30/2023

SB 530 03/30/2023

SB 549 03/30/2023

SB 550 03/30/2023

Executive Action:

SB 298 DO PASS

SB 334 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 550 DO PASS

SB 529 DO PASS

SB 549 DO PASS

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 298 - Revise laws related to hunting by disabled persons

08:05:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 298 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

Discussion:

08:05:51 Sen. John Fuller left the meeting.

13:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Pope, Sen. Vance, voting no.

08:07:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 298 DO PASS.**

13:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Vance, voting no.
Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 334 - Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions

08:08:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 334 DO PASS.**

08:08:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 334 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:09:57 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

08:13:21 Sen. Christopher Pope

08:13:32 Chair John Esp

13:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:14:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 334 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

13:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Mandeville, voting no.

HEARING ON SB 550 - Generally revise income tax laws and clarify income tax reform provisions

Opening Statement:

08:15:47 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 550, Generally revise income tax laws and clarify income tax reform provisions.

Discussion:

08:16:25 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

08:18:03 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:19:32 David Merrien, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:19:51 Aaron McNay, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:20:20 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:20:30 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

Closing Statement:

08:21:02 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 550.

HEARING ON SB 529 - Provide property tax exemption for wireless infrastructure

Opening Statement:

08:21:33 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 529, Provide property tax exemption for wireless infrastructure.

Proponent Testimony:

08:23:13 Aimee Grmoljez, Verizon Wireless (VW)

08:24:16 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

08:24:42 Mark Baker, AT&T

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:25:49 Derek Bell, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:26:01 Jared Isom, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:26:25 Sen. Dan Bartel
08:26:57 Derek Bell, DOR
08:28:02 Chair John Esp
08:28:17 Derek Bell, DOR
08:29:02 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
08:29:31 Derek Bell, DOR
08:29:48 Jared Isom, DOR
08:30:36 Sen. Pat Flowers
08:30:43 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.
08:30:53 Sen. Mike Lang left the meeting.
08:30:57 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.
08:31:05 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.
08:31:09 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office
08:33:02 Chair John Esp
08:33:09 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office
08:33:50 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
08:34:09 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office
08:34:50 Sen. Ryan Lynch
08:35:03 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

Closing Statement:

08:35:49 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 529.

HEARING ON SB 530 - Generally revise taxation of new, expanded, or improved industrial property

Opening Statement:

08:37:02 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 530, Generally revise taxation of new, expanded, or improved industrial property.

Proponent Testimony:

08:38:42 Aimee Grmoljez, MDU Resources (MDU)
08:41:13 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
08:41:55 Steve Wade, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
08:42:14 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.
08:42:24 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.
08:42:38 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce (KCC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:43:18 Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue (DOR)
08:43:42 Dylan Cole, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:44:06 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
08:44:42 Dylan Cole, DOR

Closing Statement:

08:46:34 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 530.

Discussion:

08:47:32 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 549 - Provide a 5 year prepaid property tax exemption during subdivision development

Opening Statement:

08:48:07 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 549, Provide a 5 year prepaid property tax exemption during subdivision development.

Discussion:

08:48:55 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

08:49:17 Sen. Shane Morigeau left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

08:52:05 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

08:53:19 Katie Ward, self

08:55:37 Kelly Rigg, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:57:22 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:57:42 Brittney Mari, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:58:05 Sen. Dan Bartel

08:58:36 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

08:58:47 Sen. Daniel Salomon left the meeting.

08:59:02 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

08:59:25 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

08:59:39 Sen. Ellie Boldman

09:00:35 Katie Ward, self

09:01:43 Sen. Christopher Pope

09:02:31 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:04:16 Chair John Esp

09:04:53 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:05:20 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Closing Statement:

09:08:03 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 549.

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

Opening Statement:

09:10:08 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:

09:10:35 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

09:11:00 Sen. Daniel Salomon joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:11:46 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

09:12:26 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 522.

HEARING ON SB 516 - Provide for the Preserving Fertility Act

Opening Statement:

09:13:00 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 516, Provide for the Preserving Fertility Act.

Discussion:

09:17:18 Sen. Daniel Salomon left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

- 09:21:02 Katie Beall, self
[EXHIBIT\(230331FCSa1\)](#)
- 09:26:10 Becky Franks, Cancer Support Community Montana (CSCM)
[EXHIBIT\(230331FCSa2\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(230331FCSa3\)](#)
- 09:28:12 Jeff Shirley, self
- 09:29:23 Carley VonHeeder, self
- 09:32:03 Kristin Page-Nei, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
- 09:33:07 Blake Underrinder, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

- 09:34:34 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
- 09:34:59 Frank Cote, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)
- 09:35:17 Justin Dannenbring, Department of Administration (DOA)
- 09:35:48 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)
- 09:36:06 Jackie Jones, PacificSource Health Plans (PSHP)
- 09:36:17 Bruce Spencer, Mountain Health Coop (MHC)
- 09:36:43 Shauna Lyons, Commissioner of Higher Education's Office (CHE)
- 09:37:09 Amy Jenks, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee:

- 09:37:44 Sen. Mike Lang
- 09:38:38 Becky Franks, CSCM
- 09:39:56 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:40:32 Sen. Jen Gross-D
09:41:46 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
09:42:41 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS
09:43:52 Sen. Dan Bartel
09:44:02 Frank Cote, OSA
09:46:05 Sen. Mike Cuffe
09:46:24 Frank Cote, OSA
09:47:20 Sen. Mike Cuffe
09:47:38 Sen. Jen Gross-D
09:48:03 Sen. Christopher Pope
09:48:36 Kali Wicks, BCBS
09:50:27 Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

09:50:37 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, closed the hearing on SB 516.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230331FCSa4\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 449 - Limit tax collection to 2 years

Opening Statement:

09:54:50 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 449, Limit tax collection to 2 years.

Discussion:

09:56:01 Sen. John Fuller joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

10:04:10 Danielle Pennington, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:06:43 Sen. Pat Flowers
10:07:25 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R
10:07:30 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.
10:09:15 Sen. Daniel Salomon joined the meeting.
10:10:50 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
10:11:02 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R
10:11:35 Sen. Mike Lang
10:12:12 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R
10:12:36 Sen. Christopher Pope
10:13:16 Danielle Pennington, DOR

Closing Statement:

10:15:08 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, closed the hearing on SB 449.

Discussion:

10:16:25 Sen. John Fuller left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 550 - Generally revise income tax laws and clarify income tax reform provisions

10:17:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 550 DO PASS.**

13:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Welborn, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 529 - Provide property tax exemption for wireless infrastructure

10:20:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 529 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:20:31 Sen. Mike Lang

10:20:45 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

10:21:17 Sen. Pat Flowers

10:22:30 Chair John Esp

10:22:47 Sen. Christopher Pope

10:24:18 Sen. Ellie Boldman

13:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Welborn, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 549 - Provide a 5 year prepaid property tax exemption during subdivision development

10:26:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 549 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:26:45 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

13:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Welborn, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30:02

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230331FCSaad\)](#)