

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

Call to Order: Chair Greg Hertz-R, on April 12, 2023 at 8:33 AM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Greg Hertz, Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)

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:

HB 485 04/07/2023

HB 943 04/07/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 485 - Revise tax rates for stripper oil production

Opening Statement:

08:33:58 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 485, Revise tax rates for stripper oil production.

Proponent Testimony:

08:35:31 Patrick Montalban, Montalban Oil and Gas Operations, Inc.

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08:39:54 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:40:48 Shelby DeMars, Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (Montana Energy)

08:41:05 Tyler Flaig, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:41:20 Jared Isom, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:41:46 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

08:41:51 Alan Olson, MPA

08:45:04 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

08:45:08 Shelby DeMars, Montana Energy

08:46:14 Chair Greg Hertz

08:46:20 Shelby DeMars, Montana Energy

08:46:51 Sen. Wendy McKamey

08:48:38 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

08:48:55 Jared Isom, DOR
08:49:29 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
08:49:42 Allen Olson, MPA
08:50:37 Patrick Montalban, self

Closing Statement:

08:53:16 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 485.

HEARING ON HB 943 - Revise taxation of property used as a short-term rental

Opening Statement:

08:54:36 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 943, Revise taxation of property used as a short-term rental.

Proponent Testimony:

08:59:16 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)
09:00:06 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponent Testimony:

09:01:33 Bryan Wells, self
09:04:05 John Robidou, self
09:07:28 Teresa Harkins, self
09:10:22 Dru Robidou, self
09:12:58 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
09:17:09 Blaine Konkel, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:19:24 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

09:20:00 Chair Greg Hertz

09:20:12 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:23:27 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

09:24:03 Rep. Dave Fern-D

09:27:08 Vice Chair Daniel Zolnikov left the meeting.

09:27:46 Sen. Wendy McKamey

09:28:19 Rep. Dave Fern-D

09:30:28 Sen. Becky Beard

09:31:22 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT

09:32:50 Sen. Denise Hayman

09:33:17 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT

09:33:58 Chair Greg Hertz

09:34:04 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT

09:34:08 Sen. Denise Hayman

09:34:36 Rep. Dave Fern-D

09:35:57 Sen. Wendy McKamey

09:36:40 Rep. Dave Fern-D

09:38:34 Sen. Wendy McKamey

09:38:43 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:41:51 Chair Greg Hertz

09:42:24 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:42:46 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

09:43:07 Bryan Wells, self

09:43:31 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty left the meeting.

09:46:25 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

09:46:56 Jaret Coles
09:47:43 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
09:48:09 Rep. Dave Fern-D
09:50:25 Chair Greg Hertz
09:50:35 Kelly Lynch, MTLCT
09:51:45 Chair Greg Hertz
09:51:51 Rep. Dave Fern-D

Closing Statement:

09:54:43 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 943.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:08:59

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230412TASaad\)](#)