

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

Call to Order: Chair Greg Hertz-R, on April 18, 2023 at 8:30 AM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: 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)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Research Analyst
Jacelyn Sterling, 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 906 04/11/2023

HB 963 04/14/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 906 - Revise laws related to agricultural property taxation

Opening Statement:

08:31:33 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 906, Revise laws related to agricultural property taxation.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

08:35:52 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

08:39:58 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

08:43:09 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayer's Association (MonTax)

08:48:34 John Semple, Montana Grain Grower's Association (MGGA)

08:49:07 Pat Bousliman, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:49:55 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:50:04 Bonnie Hamilton, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:50:47 Sen. Wendy McKamey

08:52:09 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R

08:52:44 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

08:53:02 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R

08:53:52 Sen. Brad Molnar

08:54:45 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R

08:56:10 Sen. Becky Beard

09:01:08 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R
09:01:15 Sen. Wendy McKamey
09:01:24 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R
09:01:30 Vice Chair Daniel Zolnikov
09:03:44 Sen. Becky Beard
09:03:48 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R

Closing Statement:

09:03:53 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, closed the hearing on HB 906.

HEARING ON HB 963 - Generally revise state financing laws and create tax rebate fund

Opening Statement:

09:06:47 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 963, Generally revise state financing laws and create tax rebate fund.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:11:14 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
09:13:06 Tirza Asbell, Montana Women Vote
09:14:39 Mark Anderlik, Montana Democratic Socialists of America
09:17:23 Wren Greaney, Montana Food Bank Network

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:19:16 Derek Bell, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

09:19:45 Sen. Denise Hayman

09:20:06 Rose Bender, MBPC
09:22:37 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel
09:22:40 Derek Bell, DOR
09:24:18 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
09:24:26 Derek Bell, DOR
09:27:02 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
09:27:07 Derek Bell, DOR
09:27:57 Sen. Becky Beard
09:28:19 Derek Bell, DOR
09:29:34 Rep. Matt Regier-R
09:30:13 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
09:30:43 Rep. Matt Regier-R

Closing Statement:

09:33:55 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, closed the hearing on HB 963.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:37:09

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230418TASbad\)](#)