

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on February 9, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

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 357, 2/7/2011; HB 358, 2/7/2011

HEARING ON HB 357**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:14 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 357, Provide tax credit for employer contribution to employee health savings account.

EXHIBIT(tah32a01)

00:01:43 Rep. Phillips arrived.

00:01:44 Rep. McNally arrived.

00:02:16 Rep. Williams arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:48 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:11:21 Frank Cote, Blue Cross of Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:35 Rep. Flynn

00:12:57 Rep. MacLaren

00:13:51 Rep. Flynn

00:14:08 Rep. MacLaren

00:14:16 Rep. Flynn

00:14:48 Rep. MacLaren

00:14:59 Rep. Flynn

00:15:10 Rep. MacLaren

00:15:58 Rep. Hoven arrived.

00:15:58 Rep. Flynn

00:16:03 Rep. MacLaren

00:16:04 Rep. Malek

00:16:13 Rep. MacLaren

00:16:17 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.

00:16:17 Rep. Malek

00:17:05 Rep. MacLaren

00:17:08 Rep. Malek

00:17:25 Rep. MacLaren

00:18:01 Vice Chairman Miller

00:18:27 Rep. MacLaren

00:18:34 Vice Chairman Miller

00:19:02 Rep. MacLaren

00:18:58 Vice Chairman Miller

00:19:10 Rep. MacLaren

00:19:18 Vice Chairman Miller

00:19:19 Rep. MacLaren

00:19:21 Mr. Cote, BCBSMT

00:20:17 Vice Chairman Miller

00:20:23 Mr. Cote

00:21:39 Rep. O'Neil

00:22:21 Mr. Cote

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:46 Rep. MacLaren

HEARING ON HB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:07 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 358, Revise Montana medical savings account contribution limits.

[EXHIBIT\(tah32a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:37 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:26:51 Janet Whitmoyer, Montana Medical Association

00:27:51 Frank Cote, Blue Cross of Blue Shield of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:27 Rep. Hoven

00:28:58 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:28 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

00:31:07 Adjournment: 09:33 am

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS:

[EXHIBIT\(tah32a03\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(tah32aad.pdf\)](#)