



LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

SENATE MEMBERS

Mary Ann Dunwell
Russel (Russ) Tempel
Jeremy Trebas
Terry Vermeire

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Larry Brewster
Tom France
Steve Gist
Greg Oblander

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Toni Henneman - Research Analyst
Julie Johnson - Attorney
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MINUTES LOG

January 23, 2024
Capitol Room 317
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Larry Brewster, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
Julie Johnson, Attorney
LaVanda Jennings, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE ROLL CALL

Joined the Revenue Interim Committee at 1300

13:00:01 Presiding Officer Brewster

[ATTACHMENT 3](#)

13:00:44 Presiding Officer Beard assumed the position of the Chair.

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: LITIGATION UPDATE

13:01:25 Jaret Coles

[EXHIBIT12](#)

[EXHIBIT13](#)

[EXHIBIT14](#)

13:09:39 Sen. Tempel Joined the Meeting.

Public Comment on Litigation Update

13:15:03 Bob Story

13:25:54 Jason Rittal

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVY LIMITS

13:28:56 Toni Henneman, LSD

[EXHIBIT15](#)

[EXHIBIT16](#) (See Exhibit 13)

13:40:18 Megan Moore

Committee Discussion/Questions

13:51:41 Presiding Officer Brewster

13:53:01 Presiding Officer Beard

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVY LIMITS-Cont'd

13:54:08 Megan Moore

Committee Discussion/Questions

14:00:45 Rep. Oblander to Megan Moore

14:03:14 Sen. Trebas

14:07:41 Sen. Dunwell

14:09:09 Rep. Essmann

14:09:51 Redirected to Toni Henneman

14:10:58 Rep. France

14:13:06 Vice Presiding Officer Thane

Panel Discussion: Policies to Include in 15-10-420

14:15:13 Jason Rittal

[EXHIBIT17](#)

14:26:53 Kelly Lynch

14:35:16 Bob Story

[EXHIBIT18](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

14:52:01 Rep. Gist

14:52:38 Rep. France to Bob Story

14:58:48 Sen. Dunwell to Kelly Lynch

15:04:20 Bob Story

15:07:26 Sen. Trebas to Jason Rittal

15:10:00 Redirected to Bob Story

Panel Discussion: Policies to Include in 15-10-420- Cont'd

15:12:13 Kris Goss, Montana School Boards Association

Committee Discussion/Questions

15:21:28 Vice Presiding Officer Thane
15:26:18 Sen. Hertz
15:29:15 Sen. Trebas
15:31:55 Kelly Lynch
15:33:18 Bob Story
15:35:45 Rep. Fielder to Bob Story
15:40:03 Redirected to Jason Rittal
15:40:58 Megan Moore

Public Comment on Local Government Levy Limits

15:42:22 NONE

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 332

15:42:55 Toni Henneman
[EXHIBIT19](#)
15:47:40 Robin Rude, DOR
15:52:20 Derek Bell, Administrator, Business and Income Tax Division, DOR
[EXHIBIT20](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

15:55:02 Rep. Oblander to Derek Bell
15:56:49 Presiding Officer Beard left the meeting.
15:57:03 Presiding Officer Brewster assumed the position of the Chair.
15:58:29 Sen. Trebas left the meeting
15:59:25 Presiding Officer Beard joined the meeting.
16:00:02 Presiding Officer Beard assumed the position of the Chair.
16:00:23 Sen. Hertz to Robin Rude
16:00:28 Sen. Trebas joined the meeting.
16:00:40 Rep. France left the meeting.
16:03:27 Sen. Dunwell
16:04:46 Rep. France joined the meeting.
16:05:56 Redirected to Kelly Lynch

Public Comment on Implementation of SB 332

16:06:57 Jason Rittal

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: JOINT COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

16:09:22 Megan Moore
16:12:00 Toni Henneman
16:12:46 Presiding Officer Brewster
16:13:39 Rep. Oblander
16:14:07 Presiding Officer Brewster
16:14:21 Sen. Dunwell
16:17:04 Sen. Hertz
16:20:29 Presiding Officer Beard
16:22:09 Sen. Hertz
16:23:29 Rep. Essmann
16:24:15 Sen. Tempel
16:25:19 Rep. Oblander

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE RECESS

16:26:41 Presiding Officer Brewster recessed the committee until January 24, 2024.