



REVENUE INTERIM COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

May 10, 2024
Capitol Room 137 & Zoom
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Becky Beard, Presiding Officer (R)
Rep. Mark Thane, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Sherry Essmann (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jaret Coles, Attorney
Megan Moore, Research Analyst
LJ Jennings, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:00:34 Presiding Officer Becky Beard called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

Compensation for Other State Boards

08:01:22 Megan Moore, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT1](#)

08:01:52 Sen. Shannon O'Brien joined the meeting.

08:02:06 Sen. Jeremy Trebas joined the meeting.

CTAB Compensation Costs and Considerations

08:04:08 Dave McAlpin, Chair, Montana Tax Appeal Board (MTAB)

Public Comment on County Tax Appeal Board Member Compensation

08:08:45 Pam Holmquist, County Commissioner, Flathead County

08:09:50 Dave McAlpin

Committee Discussion/Questions

08:10:40 Sen. Greg Hertz

08:11:01 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane

08:11:25 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

08:11:45 Rep. Sherry Essmann

08:12:17 Rep. Paul Fielder

08:12:55 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

08:13:03 Rep. Larry Brewster

REVENUE ESTIMATING AND MONITORING

Revenue Update

08:13:24 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT2](#)
[EXHIBIT3](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

08:34:22 Sen. Greg Hertz

08:34:42 Sam Schaefer

08:35:47 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane

08:37:48 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

08:38:19 Sam Schaefer

Public Comment on Revenue Estimating and Monitoring

08:43:29 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

08:44:05 Sam Schaefer

08:45:36 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
08:45:54 Sam Schaefer
08:48:36 Sen. Greg Hertz
08:49:14 Sam Schaefer

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE
Overview of Property Tax Assistance Programs

08:50:52 Megan Moore
[EXHIBIT4](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

09:09:45 Sen. Greg Hertz
09:10:26 Rep. Paul Fielder

Homestead and Comstead Exemption Model

09:11:53 Eric Dale, Tax Policy and Research, Department of Revenue (DOR)
[EXHIBIT5](#)

Public Comment on Property Tax Assistance

09:39:04 NONE

Committee Discussion/Questions

09:39:37 Rep. Larry Brewster
09:40:45 Sen. Greg Hertz
09:41:58 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
09:42:35 Eric Dale
09:43:50 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane
09:44:17 Eric Dale
09:45:09 Sen. Greg Hertz

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVIES

Property Tax Growth Limitation Model

09:46:16 Eric Dale
[EXHIBIT6](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

10:09:51 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
10:10:00 Eric Dale
10:11:05 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane
10:11:13 Eric Dale

Property Tax Modernization Study: Local Government Levies- Continued
Legal Analysis of Subjecting Voted Levies to 15-10-420

10:12:33 Jaret Coles, Staff Attorney, LSD
[EXHIBIT7](#)

Public Comment on Local Government Levies

10:27:34 Bob Story

10:34:07 Pam Holmquist

PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION STUDY: TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)

Newly Taxable Value in TIF districts

10:35:43 Eric Dale
[EXHIBIT8](#)

Public Comment on Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

10:42:03 Bob Story

AGENCY MONITORING: ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

Administrative Rule Report

10:44:12 Jaret Cole
[EXHIBIT9](#)

10:45:10 Sen. Greg Hertz

Public Comment on Administrative Rule Review

10:45:35 NONE

10:45:54 **Recessed**

10:57:01 **Reconvened**

Public Comment on Any Other Topic Within the Committee's Jurisdiction

10:57:42 Sen. Becky Beard
[EXHIBIT10](#)
[EXHIBIT11](#)

REVENUE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

10:58:41 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

10:59:04 Megan Moore

10:59:50 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

10:59:57 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane

11:00:36 Sen. Greg Hertz

11:00:56 Rep. Larry Brewster

11:01:19 Rep. Sherry Essmann

11:02:21 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

11:02:23 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

11:02:24 Sen. Jeremy Trebas joined the meeting.

11:03:18 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

11:04:14 Sen. Greg Hertz

11:04:41 Megan Moore

11:06:06 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane

11:06:28 Megan Moore

11:06:35 Sen. Greg Hertz

11:06:45 Megan Moore
11:08:33 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:09:06 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:09:26 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:10:09 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
11:12:27 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:13:39 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
11:15:13 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane
11:16:39 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:17:09 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:18:55 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:19:42 Rep. Larry Brewster
11:20:30 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:21:35 Rep. Larry Brewster
11:22:10 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
11:23:25 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:24:28 Megan Moore
11:25:12 Rep. Larry Brewster
11:25:39 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:26:04 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:26:55 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:27:03 Megan Moore
11:27:17 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:27:55 Rep. Larry Brewster
11:29:20 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:30:18 Rep. Larry Brewster
11:30:53 Vice Presiding Officer Mark Thane
11:32:28 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:33:33 Megan Moore
11:33:47 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:34:31 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:36:11 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:37:21 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:37:30 Megan Moore
11:38:22 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:38:25 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
11:38:36 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:38:46 Megan Moore
11:39:04 Rep. Larry Brewster

Motion

11:39:07 Rep. Larry Brewster moved to retain the historical preservation credit as is.

Discussion on the Motion

11:39:26 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:39:55 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:40:04 Rep. Paul Fielder
11:40:26 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

11:40:29 **Vote:** Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Revenue Interim Committee Work Session- Continued

11:41:05 Megan Moore
11:41:24 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:41:32 Megan Moore
11:41:49 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:42:31 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:42:41 Rep. Larry Brewster
11:43:01 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:43:23 Megan Moore
11:43:47 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:43:57 Megan Moore
11:44:15 Sen. Greg Hertz
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11:46:42 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:46:59 Megan Moore
11:47:07 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:48:00 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:48:30 Rep. Sherry Essmann
11:48:56 Megan Moore
11:49:46 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:49:52 Megan Moore
11:50:53 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:50:55 Rep. Paul Fielder
11:51:04 Megan Moore
11:51:16 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:52:29 Presiding Officer Becky Beard
11:52:30 Rep. Larry Brewster
11:52:44 Sen. Greg Hertz
11:53:11 Megan Moore

11:53:18 Presiding Officer Becky Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:53:31