MINUTES LOG
August 31, 2021
RM 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:
Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Mark Haggerty, Public Member
Mike Hope, Public Member
Dwaine Iverson, Public Member
Heather O'Loughlin, Public Member
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:
Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Caitlin Cashman, Secretary
Julie Johnson, Attorney
CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
10:00:36 Chair Jones-R called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

10:01:20 Chair Jones
10:01:42 Kurt Alme, Budget Director - Appreciates the chance to be in attendance.
10:01:46 Chair Jones

Futurist Panels
10:02:33 Josh Poulette, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
10:04:00 James (Jim) Glassman, self
10:20:44 Josh Poulette, LFD
10:21:11 Alex Minelli, Regional Economist, Montana Outlook
10:21:48 Karl Kuykendall, Associate Director, US Regional Economics

EXHIBIT 1
10:27:03 Alex Minelli
10:27:24 Josh Poulette, LFD
10:27:30 Alex Minelli
10:40:37 Josh Poulette, LFD
10:41:23 Jim Glassman
10:48:00 Chair Jones
10:48:02 Kurt Alme asked about in-migration and workforce shortage.
10:49:28 Alex Minelli responded.
10:50:27 Kurt Alme
10:50:34 Jim Glassman
10:51:58 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.
10:52:45 Chair Jones
10:52:46 Kurt Alme asked about inflationary pressure.
10:53:30 Jim Glassman responded.
10:56:11 Chair Jones
10:56:44 Rep. Bill Mercer said he would like to hear any of the panelists talk a little bit about tax structure.
10:58:57 Jim Glassman responded.
11:00:33 Alex Minelli responded.
11:01:03 Jim Glassman responded.
11:04:05 Chair Jones asked about technology changes following recessions.
11:05:42 Karl Kuykendall responded.
11:09:10 Chair Jones
11:09:15 Rep. Mary Caferro
11:09:39 Jim Glassman responded.
11:13:31 Chair Jones
11:13:34 Rep. Mary Caferro
11:15:03 Alex Minelli responded.
11:15:33 Jim Glassman
11:16:00 Chair Jones

**Technology and Disrupters' Impact on State and Local Governments**
11:16:20 Josh Poulette, LFD
11:17:24 Bill Fox, University of Tennessee

**EXHIBIT 2**
11:36:53 Chair Jones
11:36:59 Josh Poulette, LFD

**Disrupters' Impact on State and Local Governments**
11:37:11 Lee Rainie, Pew Research Center

**EXHIBIT 3**
11:52:21 Chair Jones
11:52:33 Josh Poulette, LFD asked about broadband technology.
11:53:00 Lee Rainie responded.
11:53:32 Bill Fox responded.
11:53:56 Chair Jones
11:54:04 Chair Jones asked how other states were dealing with people receiving services from a state but are not also contributing (by way of taxes).
11:55:44 Bill Fox responded.
Chair Jones asked if about the income tax model for a company is headquartered somewhere but doing business in so many different locations.

Bill Fox responded.

Chair Jones asked about productivity implications for tax structure.

Bill Fox responded.

Chair Jones asked about the inco...
13:36:52 Josh Poulette, LFD
13:37:16 Vice Chair Ellis asked about the accuracy of the 2010 Census data.
13:37:50 Josh Poulette, LFD
13:38:25 Chair Jones
13:38:41 Vice Chair Ellis asked if people are working later in life?
13:40:08 Mark Haggerty suggested discussing Zillow Data and helping to connect MARA with migration trend information for the November meeting
13:41:17 Chair Jones
13:41:24 Mark Haggerty
13:42:58 Chair Jones
13:42:59 Josh Poulette, LFD
13:43:16 Heather O'Loughlin asked about the variance in cost of living calculations at different income levels?
13:44:25 Molly DelCurto, LFD responded.
13:45:11 Vice Chair Ellis asked about rentals.
13:46:07 Molly DelCurto, LFD responded.
13:46:28 Chair Jones
13:47:25 Rep. Mercer asked if there is a chart that measures change by county over different time periods.
13:49:07 Josh Poulette, LFD responded.
13:49:57 Chair Jones

**Preliminary Insights from Income Tax Return Data**

13:50:07 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

14:11:44 Dwaine Iverson asked about living and working in North Dakota and Montana.
14:12:09 Sam Schaefer, LFD responded.
14:12:55 Chair Jones asked if there any way to run other databases against it? Driver’s license, fishing, hunting, see if they are reflective of one another.
14:14:01 Sam Schaefer, LFD responded.
14:15:07 Mike Hope asked about corporate income tax?
14:15:41 Sam Schaefer, LFD responded.
14:16:18 Mark Haggerty
14:15:39 Sam Schaefer, LFD responded.
14:16:51 Mike Hope asked if there is growth in corporate tax dollars coming in?
14:17:09 Sam Schaefer, LFD responded.
14:18:59 Heather O'Loughlin
14:19:15 Sam Schaefer, LFD responded.
14:20:00 Chair Jones
14:20:13 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
14:20:29 Chair Jones

**Income Tax Compliance Practices**
14:20:42 Derek Bell, Acting Administrator for the Department of Revenue's Business and Income Tax Division (DOR)
14:21:42 Chair Jones
14:21:56 Derek Bell
14:31:09 Rep. Caferro asked if it is common for a worker to move to a new state and not check out the new state's tax laws.
14:31:52 Derek Bell responded.
14:34:17 Rep. Caferro asked if somebody is earning a wage for a company not in this state whose responsibility is it?
14:35:11 Derek Bell responded.
14:39:41 Dwaine Iverson
14:40:08 Derek Bell responded.
14:40:33 Chair Jones
14:40:47 Heather O'Loughlin asked a question in regard to pass-through entities.
14:41:58 Derek Bell responded.
14:43:37 Mark Haggerty asked if we can coordinate with other states to see who is reporting information and where.
14:45:17 Derek Bell responded.
14:46:11 Mark Haggerty
14:46:22 Derek Bell
14:46:30 Vice Chair Ellis
14:47:05 Derek Bell responded.
14:48:01 Vice Chair Ellis asked if the Eastern states have been grappling with this for longer than Montana, is there a way to compare resources between Montana and other states?
14:49:01 Derek Bell responded.
14:50:14 Chair Jones

14:51:15 Recess
15:02:49 Reconvene

**Other Data Inquiry Updates, Next Steps**
15:03:05 Nick VanBrown, LFD

EXHIBIT 7a  EXHIBIT 7b  EXHIBIT 7c

15:09:27 Chair Jones
Dwaine Iverson asked for an explanation of TIF districts.
Nick VanBrown responded.
Chair Jones asked about TIFs.
Mike Hope responded.
Nick VanBrown
Chair Jones asked about TIFs and revenue sharing.
Dwaine Iverson
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Mike Hope
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Chair Jones
Rep. Mary Caferro responded.
Chair Jones said revenue is being collected, the vast majority of taxes are being paid.
Rep. Caferro
Heather O’Loughlin joined via Zoom.
Chair Jones
Heather O’Loughlin
Nick VanBrown
Heather O’Loughlin said she was interested in seeing the number of expired TIFs as they are not included in the report, and that is helpful information.
Chair Jones
Vice Chair Ellis said she would like more background on TIFs to understand types of districts.
Nick VanBrown
Chair Jones
Mike Hope
Continued committee discussion on TIFs.

Rep. Stewart Peregoy said TIFs have a purpose and she would like to know more about them, the funding mechanism has to be looked at.

Chair Jones – Does this measure just goods or streaming services or both?

Nick VanBrown responded.

Chair Jones asked “where were we and where are we headed?”

Nick VanBrown responded.

Rep. Mary Caferro left the meeting.

Mike Hope left the meeting.

Chair Jones said Montana has a great working relationship with Pew and asked what are some of the other states doing?

Kil Huh responded.

Chair Jones

Amy Carlson

Mark Haggerty said New Mexico is doing some work into looking into diversifying natural resource revenue, not only rainy-day funds, but more permanent asset development and wealth.

Chair Jones

Pew Charitable Trust's Best Practices for States, Insights into Possible Future Analysis

16:02:03 Kil Huh, Vice President of The Pew Charitable Trusts (PCT)

16:05:03 Mike Hope left the meeting.

16:08:45 Chair Jones said Montana has a great working relationship with Pew and asked what are some of the other states doing?

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16:15:00 Chair Jones

Public Comment

16:16:01 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

16:19:52 Chair Jones

16:19:56 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns
Committee Discussion
16:24:07 Amy Carlson said the remaining MARA meetings would be November 30, 2021 and March 7th, May 31, and August 24th of 2022. The November 2021 may be a two-day meeting.
16:31:18 Sen. Osmundson asked how the committee can go after some data on special districts.
16:31:56 Amy Carlson
16:32:02 Chair Jones asked about data collection moving forward.
16:33:19 Vice Chair Ellis said on the property tax discussion, a definition of local government would be helpful.
16:34:05 Amy Carlson responded.
16:34:34 Dwaine Iverson said they should look at the states that have the best systems when it comes to property taxes.
16:35:01 Chair Jones
16:35:44 Heather O'Loughlin said she was curious about policies related to vacation rentals affecting the housing market.
16:36:29 Dwaine Iverson said commercial properties should pay taxes and asked if PEW has the information about the states that have the best property tax system?
16:36:38 Chair Jones
16:36:43 Vice Chair Ellis said she would like some parameters to define "best" practices.
16:37:14 Chair Jones
16:37:57 Amy Carlson responded.
16:38:45 Dwaine Iverson
16:39:36 Amy Carlson said they will be able to better model property taxes.
16:40:31 Kil Huh said other entities have done some research on different property tax.
16:42:05 Chair Jones
16:42:16 Mark Haggerty asked what the Department of Energy is doing in other states in terms of other forms of energy and tax structures.
16:43:42 Chair Jones thanked everyone in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT
Adjournment: 16:44:34