

MINUTES
HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Cannon, Vice Chairman Ehlers, Representatives Dixon(1), Manwaring, Weber, Shepherd, Cheatum, Cornilles, Durrant, Mickelsen, Monks, Pickett, Raymond, Wroten, Boyle, Necochea, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Weber and Pickett

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Cannon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Chairman Cannon stated the rules of the committee will remain the same and will not be changed during this session to allow for remote testimony. Chairman Cannon shared methods residents have to submit their testimonies regarding any legislation.

H 541: **Chairman Cannon** returned **H 523** to the committee for consideration, which was held for time certain from the meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Rep. Blanksma presented **H 523** stating a friendly amendment was requested to be made and the change is represented in **RS 31389**.

David Lehman, Tamarack Resort, provided follow up on questions he received from the committee in the prior hearing of **H 541**. Mr. Lehman clarified how this legislation creates an incentive for community based investment by increasing the value of real property. The property is not removed from tax rolls and does not place burdens on taxpayers. The legislation also creates a process for local governments to incentivize companies to make an investment in their community without burdening taxpayers.

Rep. Blanksma stated this legislation will also increase the value of the property and, as a result, the county would receive additional revenue from property taxes.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelson** made a motion to **HOLD H 541** in committee.

Responding to questions from the committee, **David Lehman** outlined the process a local government would need to complete to establish a Commercial Property-Assessed Clean Energy (CPACE) district and clarified all expenses associated with the CPACE program are paid by the property owner.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Cannon** called for a vote to on the motion **HOLD H 541** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31389: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 31389**, proposed legislation creating a financing structure to allow commercial building owners to borrow money for certain energy and water-related projects and make repayments via an assessment on their property tax bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to introduce **RS 31389**.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Raymond** stated it would allow counties to have more time to review the proposed legislation.

In response to questions by the committee, **David Lehman** stated all expenses are ultimately borne by the property owner and counties may contract with third parties to administer the program. The legislation requires a public hearing and a public comment process before implementation of the program.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Burns made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 31389** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

Responding to questions by the committee, **David Lehman** showed the committee where it states in the legislation all expenses are borne by the property owner.

In support of the substitute motion, **Rep. Raymond** encouraged all members of the committee to contact their counties for feedback regarding this legislation.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Chairman Cannon called for a vote on the substitute motion to introduce **RS 31389** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31455:

Rep. Ehlers presented **RS 31455**, proposed legislation placing the burden of proof of a property value on the government and not the taxpayer.

MOTION:

Rep. Shepherd made a motion to introduce **RS 31455**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Representative Cannon
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary