

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Elsie Arntzen, on February 3, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)  
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, 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 97, 1/26/2015; HB 98, 1/26/2015; HB 99, 1/26/2015

**HEARING ON HB 97**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:07 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 97, Authorize alternative contracting process.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:16 Kevin Christensen, construction engineer, Department of Transportation (MDT)  
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00:06:15 Cary Hegreberg, executive director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:08:54 Bill Lloyd, American Counsel of Engineering Companies, Montana (ACEC)

00:10:33 Scott Olsen, president, Montana Contractor Association (MCA), Helena Sand and Gravel

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:14 Sen. Taylor  
00:13:21 Mr. Christensen, MDT  
00:13:32 Sen. Brown  
00:16:38 Mr. Christensen  
00:17:00 Sen. Brown  
00:17:21 Mr. Olsen, MCA  
00:17:36 Sen. Thomas  
00:17:54 Mr Christensen  
00:18:13 Sen. Buttrey  
00:20:14 Mr. Hegreberg, MCA  
00:21:36 Sen. Buttrey  
00:21:59 Mr. Christensen  
00:22:39 Sen. Whitford  
00:23:19 Mr. Christensen  
00:23:57 Sen. Taylor  
00:26:05 Mr. Hegreberg  
00:27:05 Sen. Sales  
00:28:04 Mr. Christensen  
00:28:48 Sen. Malek  
00:29:47 Mr. Christensen  
00:30:29 Chair Arntzen  
00:30:48 Mr. Christensen  
00:31:49 Chair Arntzen  
00:33:41 Mr. Lloyd, ACEC  
00:34:37 Chair Arntzen  
00:34:49 Mr. Olsen

00:35:35 Sen. Barrett  
00:36:46 Mr. Christensen  
00:37:46 Sen. Barrett  
00:38:21 Mr. Hegreberg

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:55 Rep. McClafferty  
00:41:33 Chair Arntzen  
00:41:47 Mr. Christensen

**HEARING ON HB 98**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:07 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 98, Clarify authority of dept. of transportation to require traction devices.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:48 Duane Williams, administrator, Motor Services Division, Department of Transportation (MDT)  
00:46:02 Jason Hildenstab, manager of operations, Montana Highway Patrol

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:59 Sen. Brown  
00:47:31 Rep. McClafferty  
00:47:53 Sen. Brown  
00:48:07 Sen. Buttrey  
00:50:49 Mr. Williams, MDT  
00:50:55 Chair Arntzen  
00:50:57 Sen. Buttrey  
00:50:60 Mr. Williams  
00:51:00 Chair Arntzen  
00:51:06 Sen. Barrett  
00:51:41 Rep. McClafferty  
00:51:45 Sen. Malek  
00:52:48 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:53:17 Sen. Sands  
00:53:32 Mr. Williams  
00:53:56 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:09 Rep. McClafferty

00:54:26 Chair Arntzen

00:54:47 Sen. Thomas

00:55:14 Chair Arntzen

**HEARING ON HB 99**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:31 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 99, Revise fuel tax laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:57:09 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)

01:00:50 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association

01:02:16 Dave Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:15 Sen. Brown

01:03:41 Mr. Flynn, MDT

01:03:51 Sen. Buttrey

01:05:32 Mr. Flynn

01:05:50 Chair Arntzen

01:06:04 Mr. Flynn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:20 Rep. McClafferty

01:06:34 Chair Arntzen

01:07:03 Rep. McClafferty

01:07:18 Chair Arntzen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:09 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([his24aad.pdf](#))**