

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Elsie Arntzen, on March 10, 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 486, 3/6/2015; HB 415, 3/6/2015; HB 394, 3/5/2015

**HEARING ON HB 486**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:32 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 486, Revise laws related to mopeds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:32 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:00 Chair Arntzen  
00:04:35 Rep. Cook  
00:04:55 Sen. Vance  
00:05:05 Rep. Cook  
00:05:34 Sen. Sales  
00:05:49 Rep. Cook  
00:06:02 Sen. Sands  
00:06:26 Sen. Vance  
00:06:39 Rep. Cook  
00:06:43 Sen. Vance  
00:06:49 Sen. Sands  
00:07:00 Chair Arntzen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:20 Rep. Cook  
  
00:07:49 Chair Arntzen  
00:08:01 Sen. Buttrey  
00:08:13 Chair Arntzen

**HEARING ON HB 415**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:34 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 415, Revise laws governing highway work zones.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:03 Kevin Christensen, construction engineer, Department of Transportation (MDT)  
00:14:09 Cary Hegreberg, executive director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

**[EXHIBIT\(his49a01\)](#)**

00:17:27 Denice Harris, AAA of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:35 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:18:59 Mr. Hegreberg, MCA  
00:20:04 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:21:42 Rep. Garner  
00:21:48 Sen. Brown  
00:23:09 Rep. Garner  
00:23:59 Mr. Christensen, MDT  
00:24:56 Sen. Brown  
00:25:37 Mr. Christensen  
00:26:24 Sen. Buttrey  
00:27:13 Mr. Hegreberg  
00:29:03 Sen. Buttrey  
00:29:34 Rep. Garner  
00:30:22 Sen. Buttrey  
00:30:46 Mr. Christensen  
00:31:05 Chair Arntzen  
00:31:09 Mr. Christensen  
00:31:15 Sen. Sales  
00:32:16 Mr. Christensen  
00:32:33 Sen. Barrett  
00:33:27 Mr. Christensen  
00:34:18 Sen. Barrett  
00:36:04 Mr. Christensen  
00:36:21 Sen. Whitford  
00:36:47 Mr. Christensen  
00:37:04 Chair Arntzen  
00:37:19 Mr. Christensen  
00:38:13 Sen. Thomas  
00:40:11 Mr. Christensen  
00:40:24 Sen. Thomas  
00:40:53 Chair Arntzen  
00:41:14 Mr. Christensen  
00:41:23 Chair Arntzen  
00:41:27 Rep. Garner  
00:41:53 Chair Arntzen  
00:42:15 Mr. Hegreberg

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:39 Rep. Garner

**HEARING ON HB 394****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:10 Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 394, Revise bicycle safety laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:50:02 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana (BWM)  
[EXHIBIT\(his49a02\)](#)

00:54:06 Bruce Newell, self  
[EXHIBIT\(his49a03\)](#)

00:55:59 Bill Cochran, self

00:58:12 Jim Sayer, executive director, Adventure Cycling Association (ACA)

[EXHIBIT\(his49a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his49a05\)](#)

01:01:46 Anna O'Donnell, public affairs and communication specialist, AAA Mountain West (AAA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:04:09 Sen. Brown

01:05:09 Mr. Sayer, ACA

01:06:04 Sen. Brown

01:06:34 Ms. Barnes, BWM

01:07:49 Sen. Barrett

01:09:44 Mr. Sayer

01:10:06 Ms. Barnes

01:10:52 Sen. Vance

01:11:24 Ms. Barnes

01:11:32 Sen. Vance

01:11:52 Ms. O'Donnell, AAA

01:12:19 Chair Arntzen

01:15:08 Ms. Barnes

01:15:24 Sen. Sales

01:17:43 Ms. Barnes

01:19:03 Sen. Barrett

01:20:14 Ms. Barnes

01:20:30 Chair Arntzen

01:21:06 Ms. Barnes

01:21:28 Chair Arntzen

01:22:19 Spook Stang, executive vice president, Motor Carriers of Montana

01:22:55 Chair Arntzen  
01:23:06 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division  
01:23:24 Chair Arntzen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:35 Rep. Bennett  
  
01:25:21 Chair Arntzen  
01:25:30 Rep. Bennett  
01:25:42 Chair Arntzen  
01:26:17 Sen. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([his49aad.pdf](#))**