

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Alan Doane, on March 11, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Barry Usher, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Barbara Bessette (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)
Rep. David Dunn (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Abigail Konen, Committee Clerk
Rachel Weiss, 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 49, 2/7/2019; HB 439, 2/11/2019; HB 470, 2/13/2019;
HB 492, 2/28/2019

08:00:45 Chair Doane

HEARING ON HB 439

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:01:20 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 439, Revise laws related to misrepresented service animals.

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:59 William Austin, Self
08:09:35 DeeDe Baker, Dog Tag Buddies
08:12:10 David Riggs, K9 Care Montana
08:20:14 Madie Sanford, Self
08:22:13 Deb Killpack, Self
08:26:07 P.J. McHugh, Self

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a02\)](#)

08:30:55 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association (MLA)
08:32:13 Faith Scow, Self
08:34:04 Chelsie Kennedy, Self
08:35:19 Rep. Dunwell, HD 84
08:36:38 Rep. R. Knudsen, HD 34

Opponents' Testimony:

08:37:14 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL), Summit Independent Living, Montana Independent Living Project (MILP), Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT)
08:45:22 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
08:50:33 Jim Marks, National Federation of the Blind of Montana
08:57:57 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a03\)](#)

09:07:08 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)
09:09:11 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:10:23 Rep. Loge
09:12:59 Recessed
09:20:35 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 492**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:20:57 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 492, Generally revise laws related to school bus safety.

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:24:23 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA), School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

09:26:27 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association

09:28:47 Chair Doane

09:28:49 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association

09:30:07 Rep. Gunderson, HD 1

09:34:25 Rep. Bishop entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:35:39 Vice Chair Kelker

09:36:11 Rep. Vinton

09:37:04 Rep. C. Knudsen

09:37:35 Rep. Vinton

09:38:09 Rep. C. Knudsen

09:38:49 Rep. Vinton

Closing by Sponsor:

09:39:18 Rep. Vinton

HEARING ON HB 470**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:40:03 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 470, Revise disability parking laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:43:27 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a08\)](#)

09:55:36 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)

10:02:26 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

10:04:32 Jim Marks, National Federation of the Blind of Montana

10:06:48 Mark Sanders, Self

10:09:22 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
10:10:25 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Association of Community Disability Service
Providers
10:11:14 Kwanele Khumalo, Summit Independent Living

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

10:12:48 Michele Snowberger, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:13:18 Rep. Manzella
10:14:13 Rep. Curdy
10:14:27 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:15:13 Rep. Manzella
10:15:25 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:16:19 Vice Chair Kelker
10:19:19 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:20:46 Rep. C. Knudsen
10:22:22 Rep. Curdy
10:22:31 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:23:02 Rep. C. Knudsen
10:23:39 Rep. Curdy
10:25:36 Rep. T. Moore
10:26:30 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:28:57 Rep. T. Moore
10:29:22 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:29:27 Rep. Skees
10:30:20 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:30:24 Rep. Skees
10:30:49 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
10:31:21 Rep. Skees
10:31:32 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
10:32:21 Rep. Skees
10:32:43 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
10:33:21 Vice Chair Usher
10:38:33 Rep. Curdy
10:39:29 Rep. Bishop
10:39:53 Joel Peden, MTCIL
10:41:24 Rep. Manzella
10:42:24 Joel Peden, MTCIL

Closing by Sponsor:

10:43:25 Rep. Curdy

10:46:45 Recessed
10:56:44 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 49**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:57:09 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 49, Create a vehicle occupant safety pilot program.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:02:42 Mike Tooley, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
11:07:54 Sean Finley, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
11:10:50 Eric Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
11:13:08 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
11:15:10 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP), Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
11:16:06 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA), Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Public Health Association (MTPHA)
11:17:24 Mike Batista, American Association of Retired Persons Montana (AARP)
11:19:43 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
11:21:37 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)
11:22:14 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
11:22:30 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
11:23:54 Tracie Kiesel, Buckle Up Montana

EXHIBIT(juh49a09)

11:24:28 John Iverson, American Automobile Association (AAA)
11:24:47 Pat Goldhahn, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:27:07 Rep. Skees
11:30:23 Rep. Garner
11:30:38 Rep. Skees
11:30:52 Director Tooley, MDT
11:31:38 Vice Chair Kelker
11:32:04 Director Tooley, MDT
11:32:50 Vice Chair Kelker
11:33:17 Director Tooley, MDT
11:34:17 Rep. Skees
11:34:53 Director Tooley, MDT
11:36:07 Rep. Manzella
11:36:51 Director Tooley, MDT
11:38:24 Vice Chair Usher
11:38:41 Director Tooley, MDT
11:38:59 Vice Chair Usher
11:39:44 Director Tooley, MDT

11:40:46 Vice Chair Usher
11:41:05 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
11:41:12 Vice Chair Usher
11:41:37 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
11:41:50 Vice Chair Usher
11:42:23 Mark Murphy, MACOP, MPPA

Closing by Sponsor:

11:43:40 Rep. Garner

11:47:54 Chair Doane

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:48:03

Abigail Konen, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh49aad.pdf](#))