

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on March 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Denley M. Loge, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Kathlyn Royal, Committee Clerk

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 629, 2/27/2019; SB 158, 2/27/2019; SB 260, 2/28/2019

15:01:16 Chair Loge

HEARING ON SB 260

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:36 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 260, Establish Trenton Johnson memorial highway.

[EXHIBIT\(trh51a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:07 Mike O'Herron, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:07:47 Bill Avey, Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:36 Vice Chair Garner

15:09:01 Mike O'Herron, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:51 Sen. Malek

HEARING ON HB 629

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:10:31 Rep. Denise Hayman (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 629, Allow bioptic lens users to apply for driver's licenses.

[EXHIBIT\(trh51a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:12:25 Michele Snowberger, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:13:40 Bill Hasquet, Montana Optometric Association (MOA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh51a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:47 Rep. Greef

15:15:08 Bill Hasquet, MOA

15:15:36 Vice Chair Garner

15:16:06 Bill Hasquet, MOA

15:17:16 Vice Chair Garner

15:17:24 Bill Hasquet, MOA

15:18:05 Vice Chair Smith

15:18:30 Bill Hasquet, MOA

15:19:12 Vice Chair Smith

15:19:23 Bill Hasquet, MOA

15:20:20 Rep. Fern
15:21:06 Michele Snowberger, MVD
15:22:48 Rep. Fern
15:23:37 Bill Hasquet, MOA
15:24:30 Rep. Dooling
15:24:58 Bill Hasquet, MOA
15:26:10 Chair Loge
15:26:34 Michele Snowberger, DOJ
15:27:02 Vice Chair Garner
15:27:35 Michele Snowberger, DOJ
15:28:15 Vice Chair Garner
15:28:30 Michele Snowberger, DOJ
15:28:36 Vice Chair Garner
15:28:56 Rep. Hayman

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:30 Rep. Hayman

HEARING ON SB 158**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:32:47 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 158, Define autocycle and provide exemption from motorcycle endorsement.

[EXHIBIT\(trh51a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:58 Frank Cote, Polaris Industries
15:37:49 Joanne Lohr, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)
15:38:09 Greg Mohr, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:38:51 Vice Chair Smith
15:39:05 Frank Cote, Polaris Industries
15:39:31 Rep. Garcia
15:39:43 Frank Cote, Polaris Industries
15:40:02 Rep. Sweeney
15:40:16 Frank Cote, Polaris Industries
15:40:30 Vice Chair Garner
15:40:54 Sen. Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:25 Sen. Vance
15:43:37 Chair Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:44:17

Kathlyn Royal, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh51aad.pdf](#))