

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley M. Loge, on March 20, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Denley M. Loge, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)

**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 661, 3/15/2019; SB 228, 3/15/2019

15:01:22 Chair Loge

### **HEARING ON SB 228**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:56 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 228, Authorize joint resident and non-resident vehicle ownership.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:10:54 Scott Meredith, Deer Creek Corporate Services Inc. (LLCTLC)

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a02\)](#)

15:15:54 Roy Andes, Deer Creek Corporate Services Inc. (LLCTLC)

15:17:51 Rep. Dooling joined the meeting.

15:19:27 Michael Willing, Deer Creek Corporate Services Inc. (LLCTLC)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:22:30 Betty Rummel, Treasurer, Roosevelt County

15:25:06 Jim Stanger, Helena Motors

15:26:12 Rep. Krautter joined the meeting.

15:27:38 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association (MTADA)

15:29:18 Jeremy Rice, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

15:32:36 Joann Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

15:38:10 Sandy Christianson, Treasurer, Richland County

15:39:34 Kevin Larkin, Treasurer, Park County

15:40:48 Terri Kunz, Treasurer, Jefferson County

15:42:16 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

15:43:00 Dan Whitesitt, Treasurer, Ravalli County

15:43:38 Jennifer Blossom, Treasurer, Gallatin County

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:45:13 Rep. Krotkov

15:45:47 Joann Loehr, MVD

15:46:00 Rep. Krotkov

15:46:07 Joann Loehr, MVD

15:46:26 Vice Chair Smith

15:46:41 Scott Meredith, LLCTLC

15:47:29 Rep. Perry

15:47:56 Michael Willing, LLCTLC

15:48:40 Rep. Krotkov

15:49:35 Sen. Hoven, SD 13

15:51:18 Chair Loge

15:51:58 Bruce Knudsen, MTADA

15:52:53 Chair Loge

15:53:02 Bruce Knudsen, MTADA

15:53:12 Chair Loge

15:53:33 Joann Loehr, MVD  
15:53:53 Vice Chair Smith  
15:54:06 Joann Loehr, MVD  
15:54:23 Rep. Sweeney  
15:54:31 Joanne Loehr, MVD  
15:54:41 Rep. Harvey  
15:55:08 Joann Loehr, MVD  
15:55:17 Rep. Sweeney  
15:56:03 Betty Rummel, Richland County  
15:56:38 Rep. Dooling  
15:57:09 Jeremy Rice, MVD  
15:57:38 Rep. Dooling  
15:58:11 Rep. Harvey  
15:58:34 Joann Loehr, MVD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:59:04 Sen. Hoven, SD 13  
  
16:04:50 Recessed  
16:10:52 Reconvened with Rep. Kassmier excused.

**HEARING ON HB 661****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:11:18 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 661, Revise aviation fuel taxation.

**EXHIBIT(trh57a03)**

16:16:46 Chair Loge

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:17:30 Doug Phair, Miles City Airport

**EXHIBIT(trh57a04)****EXHIBIT(trh57a05)****EXHIBIT(trh57a06)****EXHIBIT(trh57a07)**

16:21:02 Trish McKenna, self  
16:22:15 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting.  
16:23:18 Roger Lincoln, self  
16:25:28 Robert Buckles, self  
16:27:01 Peter Smith, Montana Pilots Association  
16:29:46 Rep. Becky Beard, HD 80  
16:32:15 Scott Newpower, self  
16:33:55 William Hurd, Montana Pilots Association, Havre Flying Club  
16:36:04 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association  
16:36:53 Holly Phelps, City of Lewistown  
16:38:15 Rep. Ken Holmlund, HD 38  
16:38:35 Steve Brown, self

16:42:00 Todd Devlin, Commissioner, Prairie County  
16:44:56 Shane Gorder, Commissioner, Richland County  
16:46:31 Kathy Bailey, Snowy Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC)

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a08\)](#)

16:49:25 Donald Hartrich, Montana Pilots Association, Montana Aeronautics  
16:52:01 John Hudson, self  
16:53:16 Kevin Myhre, Century Companies Inc.  
16:56:20 Barry Holzworth, self  
16:56:52 Rep. Kassmier left the meeting.  
16:57:10 Walt McNutt, self

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a09\)](#)

17:00:30 John McKenna, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

17:07:32 Penny Zacharisen, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce  
17:09:30 Shaun Williams, Airlines for America (A4A)

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a11\)](#)

17:12:56 Scott Humphrey, Bozeman International Airport

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a12\)](#)

17:16:57 Robin Hoover, Yellowstone Country Montana  
17:19:12 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)  
17:22:00 Brian Ellestad, Missoula Airport  
17:25:27 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)  
17:28:37 Ron Hooper, Neptune Aviation  
17:32:24 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
17:34:26 Bob Gilbert, MATA  
17:37:30 Jeff Wadekamper, Helena Regional Airport  
17:40:28 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a13\)](#)

17:42:04 John Faulkner, Great Falls Airport  
17:45:02 John Maxness, self  
17:48:25 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
17:49:48 Mark Baker, Delta Airlines

[EXHIBIT\(trh57a14\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

17:53:06 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)  
17:53:25 Tim Conway, Aeronautics Administrator, Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:53:57 Rep. Dooling  
17:54:37 Shaun Williams, A4A  
17:55:35 Rep. Krautter  
17:56:23 Walt McNutt, self

18:00:35 Rep. Harvey  
18:01:07 Shaun Williams, A4A  
18:01:15 Rep. Harvey  
18:01:54 Shaun Williams, A4A  
18:03:24 Rep. Sweeny  
18:04:10 John McKenna, self  
18:06:59 Rep. Dooling  
18:07:48 Jeff Wadekamper, Helena Regional Airport  
18:08:52 Rep. Fleming  
18:09:27 Rep. Custer, HD 39  
18:10:23 Doug Phair, Miles City Airport  
18:13:44 Chair Loge  
18:14:06 Tim Conway, MDT  
18:14:53 Chair Loge  
18:15:08 Tim Conway, MDT  
18:15:21 Chair Loge  
18:15:32 Tim Conway, MDT  
18:16:07 Chair Loge  
18:16:30 Ron Hooper, Neptune Aviation  
18:19:28 Chair Loge  
18:19:33 Ron Hooper, Neptune Aviation  
18:21:39 Vice Chair Smith  
18:21:59 Bob Gilbert, MATA  
18:23:12 Rep. Garcia  
18:23:35 Chair Loge  
18:24:00 Scott Humphrey, Bozeman International Airport  
18:25:07 Chair Loge  
18:25:41 Peter Smith, Montana Pilots Association  
18:25:58 Tim Conway, MDT  
18:26:18 Chair Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

18:26:38 Rep. Custer, HD 39  
  
18:31:48 Chair Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 18:32:54

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Kathlyn Royal, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh57aad.pdf](#))