

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Frank Garner, on March 27, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
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. Denley M. Loge, Chair (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 748, 3/25/2019; HJ 34, 3/22/2019; HB 764, 3/26/2019; HB
769, 3/27/19

Executive Action: SB 268, HB 748, HB 764, HB 769

15:16:55 Chair Garner

HEARING ON HB 748

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:32 Rep. Jade Bahr (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 748, Establish the Minnie Spotted-Wolf memorial highway.

EXHIBIT(trh63a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:52 Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA)

15:23:03 Alex Gray, self

15:23:14 Rep. Loge joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:24:00 Chair Garner

15:24:24 Rep. Bahr, HD 50

15:25:03 Chair Garner

15:25:08 Rep. Bahr, HD 50

15:25:21 Chair Garner

15:25:28 Alex Gray, self

Closing by Sponsor:

15:25:40 Rep. Bahr, HD 50

15:26:20 Rep. Sweeney

15:26:24 Chair Garner

HEARING ON HB 764

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:27:40 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 764, Generally revise electric vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:30:55 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

15:34:06 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractor's Association (MCA)

15:34:49 Rep. Fern joined the meeting.

15:34:57 Mike Tooley, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:35:42 Rep. Krautter joined the meeting.

15:35:55 Laura Rennick, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:36:55 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:38:21 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
15:42:06 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)
15:43:01 Rep. Krautter left the meeting.
15:43:16 John MacDonald, Auto Alliance

Informational Testimony:

15:45:48 Joann Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:16 Rep. Fern
15:46:57 Rep. Krautter joined the meeting.
15:47:10 Rep. Loge
15:48:20 Rep. Fern
15:48:53 Rep. Loge
15:49:25 Rep. Greef
15:49:47 Rep. Loge
15:50:02 Chair Garner
15:50:12 Rep. Loge
15:50:22 Chair Garner
15:50:26 Rep. Greef
15:50:44 Rep. Loge
15:50:55 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)
15:52:13 Rep. Greef
15:52:24 Sarah Garcia, MVD
15:53:24 Rep. Krotkov
15:53:47 Rep. Loge
15:54:39 Rep. Krotkov
15:55:01 Rep. Loge
15:55:16 Rep. Krotkov
15:55:41 Rep. Loge
15:56:02 Chair Garner
15:56:16 Brian Fadie, MEIC
15:56:23 Chair Garner
15:56:52 Brian Fadie, MEIC
15:58:47 Chair Garner
15:59:37 Brian Fadie, MEIC
16:00:41 Rep. Dooling
16:01:14 Rep. Loge
16:01:53 Rep. Dooling
16:02:39 Rep. Loge
16:03:38 Rep. Fern
16:04:16 Rep. Loge
16:05:02 Rep. Garcia
16:05:24 Sarah Garcia, MVD
16:06:56 Rep. Dooling
16:07:36 Sarah Garcia, MVD
16:07:52 Rep. Dooling
16:08:08 Sarah Garcia, MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

16:08:33 Rep. Loge

16:11:00 Rep. Loge assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 769**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:11:42 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 769, Revise laws for vehicles with automated driving systems.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:14:30 Joann Loehr, MVD

16:15:14 Spook Stang, MCM

Informational Testimony:

16:18:20 Director Tooley, MDT

16:18:36 John MacDonald, Auto Alliance

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:19:06 Rep. Fern

16:20:24 Rep. Winter

Closing by Sponsor:

16:21:42 Rep. Winter

HEARING ON HJ 34**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:23:26 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 34, Interim study on passenger transportation.

Proponents' Testimony:16:28:35 Patricia Grabow, Livingston Downtown Building Owners & Business Association
[EXHIBIT\(trh63a02\)](#)

16:35:52 Malcolm Gilbert, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

16:37:47 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:38:19 Rep. Sweeney

16:39:07 Rep. Olsen

16:41:13 Chair Loge
16:41:42 Lynn Zanto, MDT
16:42:05 Chair Loge
16:42:18 Lynn Zanto, MDT
16:43:13 Vice Chair Smith
16:43:41 Lynn Zanto, MDT
16:43:53 Vice Chair Smith
16:44:14 Lynn Zanto, MDT
16:44:48 Vice Chair Smith
16:45:07 Malcolm Gilbert, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:45:22 Rep. Olsen, HD 100

16:52:03 Chair Loge
16:52:36 Vice Chair Garner
16:53:09 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:53:36 Vice Chair Garner
16:53:41 Chair Loge

EXHIBIT(trh63a03)

16:54:59 Joe Carroll, LSD
16:58:30 Rep. Dooling
16:58:40 Chair Loge
16:58:46 Rep. Dooling
16:59:02 Chair Loge
16:59:29 Rep. Dooling
16:59:32 Chair Loge
17:00:05 Rep. Fern
17:00:22 Chair Loge
17:00:51 Rep. Fern
17:01:05 Chair Loge
17:01:19 Rep. Fern
17:01:55 Joe Carroll, LSD
17:02:09 Vice Chair Garner
17:02:40 Joe Carroll, LSD
17:02:46 Vice Chair Garner
17:03:08 Chair Loge
17:04:54 Vice Chair Garner
17:05:05 Chair Loge

17:05:17 Recessed
17:38:18 Reconvened with Rep. Sweeney excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 268

17:38:34 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 268 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:39:05 Joe Carroll, LSD

17:39:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 268 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(trh63a04\)](#)

17:40:45 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 268 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

17:41:01 Vice Chair Garner

17:41:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney voted by proxy. Rep. Galt will carry the bill.

17:42:10 Rep. Dooling

17:42:31 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 748

17:42:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 748 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 764

17:43:52 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 764 DO PASS**.

17:44:07 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 764 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

17:44:31 Joe Carroll, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(trh63a05\)](#)

17:46:58 Chair Loge

17:47:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney voted by proxy.

17:48:45 Joe Carroll, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(trh63a06\)](#)

17:49:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 764 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney voted by proxy.

17:50:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 764 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 769

17:51:00 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 769 DO PASS**.

17:51:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner made a substitute motion that **HB 769 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney voted by proxy.

17:51:51 Rep. Fern
17:52:16 Chair Loge
17:53:45 Rep. Fern
17:54:15 Chair Loge
17:54:53 Rep. Krautter
17:55:07 Chair Loge
17:56:27 Rep. Fern
17:56:51 Vice Chair Smith
17:57:08 Chair Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:57:22

Kathlyn Royal, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh63aad.pdf](#))