

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley M. Loge, on January 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Denley M. Loge, Chair (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary  
Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch  
Lindsey Krywaruchka, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 55, 1/1/2021; HB 77, 1/1/2021

Executive Action: HB 55

15:02:46 Chair Loge  
15:03:31 Rep. Usher left the meeting.  
15:03:45 Rep. J. Hinkle left the meeting.  
15:04:06 Lindsey Krywaruchka, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)  
15:04:17 Chair Loge  
15:04:28 Lindsey Krywaruchka, RMC  
15:04:46 Chair Loge  
15:05:05 Lindsey Krywaruchka, RMC  
15:05:20 Chair Loge  
15:12:00 Lindsey Krywarucka, RMC  
15:12:22 Chair Loge  
15:12:28 Vice Chair Trebas assumed the Chair

**HEARING ON HB 55**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:13:02 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB55, Revise light requirements for snow removal equipment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:14:47 Jon Swartz, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)  
15:20:26 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana  
15:21:32 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:23:31 Rep. Loge  
  
15:24:49 Rep. Loge assumed the Chair

**HEARING ON HB 77****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:34 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 77, Revise motor carrier laws.

15:25:30 Rep. Whitman left the meeting

15:26:40 Rep. Whiteman Pena left the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:28:37 Brad Marten, Montana Department of Transportation,  
Motor Carrier Services Division (MDT)

15:46:03 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:47:15 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)  
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**Informational Testimony:**

15:52:30 Ashley Morigeau, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:55:42 Rep. Fleming

15:56:34 Brad Marten, MDT

15:57:17 Rep. Marshall

15:58:17 Brad Marten, MCS

15:59:58 Rep. Fern

16:00:49 Ashley Morigeau, PSC

16:01:05 Rep. Fern

16:01:32 Brad Marten, MDT

16:02:31 Rep. Dooling

16:03:21 Brad Marten, MDT

16:03:25 Rep. Dooling

16:03:36 Brad Marten, MDT

16:04:41 Rep. Dooling

16:04:56 Brad Marten, MDT

16:05:46 Vice Chair Trebas

16:06:18 Joe Carroll, Legislative services Division (LSD)

16:06:45 Chair Loge

16:07:40 Jason Todhunter, MLA

16:09:00 Chair Loge

16:09:19 Brad Marten, MDT

16:10:04 Chair Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:10:26 Rep. Fitzgerald

16:10:50 Chair Loge

16:11:30 Recess  
16:19:50 Reconvened with Rep. Whitman returning

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 55**

16:20:54 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 55 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:21:06 Vice Chair Smith

16:21:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. J. Hinkle and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

16:24:50 Chair Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:25:46

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh05aad.pdf](#))