

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on January 27, 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
Karli Kusler, 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 188, 1/21/2021; HB 207, 1/21/2021

Executive Action: HB 141

15:02:17 Malcolm Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:07:21 Chair Loge
15:07:32 Rep. Whitman
15:07:43 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:09:16 Rep. Whiteman Pena
15:09:21 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:09:42 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:09:52 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:10:37 Chair Loge
15:13:27 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:13:58 Chair Loge

HEARING ON HB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:15:05 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 207, Generally revise school bus safety laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:25 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
15:17:47 Sergeant Mike Jensen, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
15:19:09 Griz Wold, Jordana's Alliance for Bus Safety (JABS)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:21:27 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA), Montana Tow Truck Association(MTTA)
15:27:26 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education (BOPE)

[EXHIBIT\(trh18a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:29:17 Vice Chair Trebas
15:30:03 McCall Flynn, BOPE
15:31:11 Rep. Whitman
15:31:30 Rep. Duram
15:33:01 Rep. Whitman
15:33:18 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:34:54 Rep. Duram
15:35:08 Rep. Whiteman Pena
15:37:52 Rep. Duram
15:38:07 Rep. Usher
15:38:30 Rep. Duram
15:38:47 Chair Loge
15:39:00 Vice Chair Smith
15:39:15 Rep. Duram
15:39:45 Rep. Marshall
15:40:23 McCall Flynn, BOPE

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:01 Rep. Duram
15:43:04 Recess
15:47:08 Reconvened with Vice Chair Trebas assuming the Chair

HEARING ON HB 188**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:47:16 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 188, Generally revise electric vehicle laws and fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:51:35 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
15:53:34 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)
15:57:17 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
15:58:29 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:00:21 Conner Ploeger, Montana Environmental Infrastructure Center (MEIC)
16:02:22 Alicia Cox, Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities (YTCC)

Informational Testimony:

16:04:31 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division of the Montana Department of Justice, (DOJ)
16:05:11 Lawrence Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
16:05:38 Brad Marten, Motor Carrier Services, Division of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:17 Rep. Fern
16:06:52 Duane Williams, MCM
16:07:12 Rep. Fern
16:07:43 Conner Ploeger, MEIC
16:08:14 Rep. Fern
16:08:39 Conner Ploeger, MEIC
16:09:25 Rep. Fern
16:09:34 Alicia Cox, YTCC
16:10:44 Rep. Usher
16:11:33 Brian Thompson, MCA
16:11:50 Rep. Usher
16:13:05 Rep. Fleming left the meeting.
16:14:40 Rep. Loge
16:15:21 Rep. Marshall
16:17:05 Rep. Loge
16:17:39 Rep. Usher
16:18:59 Conner Ploeger, MEIC
16:19:58 Rep. Fern
16:20:49 Rep. Loge
16:21:17 Rep. Fern

16:21:46 Rep. Dooling
16:22:22 Darryl James, MIC
16:23:31 Chair Trebas
16:23:51 Conner Ploeger, MEIC
16:24:20 Alicia Cox, YTCC
16:25:12 Chair Trebas
16:25:27 Alicia Cox, YTCC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:25:55 Rep. Loge

16:30:20 Rep. Loge assumed the Chair

16:30:28 Recess
16:31:48 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 141

16:32:08 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 141 DO PASS.**

16:32:32 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 141 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(trh18a02\)](#)

Discussion:

16:32:49 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:34:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:35:09 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 141 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:35:19 Rep. Fern
16:35:52 Rep. Dooling
16:36:24 Chair Loge

16:36:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

16:37:19 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 156 DO PASS.**

16:38:07 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **HB 156 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(trh18a03\)](#)

Discussion:

16:38:22 Joe Carrol, LSD

16:39:32 Rep. Fern

16:40:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion that **HB 156 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote.

16:40:27 Chair Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:40:55

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh18aad.pdf](#))