

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on February 3, 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. Derek J. Harvey (D)
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. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 264, 2/1/2021; HB 266, 1/28/2021; HB 267, 1/29/2021; HB 270, 2/1/2021; SB 9, 1/29/2021

Executive Action: HB 270, HB 156

HEARING ON HB 270**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:04 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 270, Revise laws related to military spouse drivers licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:06 Major General J. Peter Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
15:05:20 Tammie Perreault, Department of Defense (DOD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:08:02 Brad Marten, Motor Carrier Services Division of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

EXHIBIT(trh23a01)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:48 Rep. Usher
15:09:00 Chair Loge

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:14 Rep. Buttrey

15:09:57 Rep. Fern
15:10:08 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270

15:10:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 270 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

15:11:42 Rep. Usher

HEARING ON SB 9**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:12:05 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 9, Provide for motorcycle filtering.

EXHIBIT(trh23a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:20 Tiffany Cipoletti, American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)

EXHIBIT(trh23a03)

15:19:05 Sen. Gauthier

Opponents' Testimony:

15:23:24 Duane Willams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Informational Testimony:

15:25:40 Dustin Rouse, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:48 Rep. Usher

15:28:25 Sen. Tempel

15:28:40 Rep. Usher

15:28:56 Rep. Whitman

15:29:43 Duane Williams, MCM

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:10 Sen. Tempel

HEARING ON HB 264**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:31:32 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 264, Revise emergency vehicle passing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:25 Peggy Visser Mathiason, self

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a05\)](#)

15:39:00 Chief Josh Waldo, City of Bozeman Fire Department

15:40:36 Sara Haworth, self

15:42:04 Barry Allen, self

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a06\)](#)

15:44:49 Dann Babcox, Park County Rural Fire District 3

15:47:19 Chief Rich Cowger, Montana Fire Alliance (MFA)

15:55:30 Kenrda Visser, self

15:58:02 Mike Goehring, Clancy Volunteer Fire Department

15:58:19 Jim Dusenberry, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA)

16:00:01 Richard Hennequin, Central Valley Fire District

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a07\)](#)

16:02:17 Jim Detienne, Montana Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA)

16:02:59 Ole Hedstrom, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)

16:03:41 Chief Ed Shindoll, Broadwater Rural Fire District

16:04:16 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

16:04:51 Chief BJ Klose, Dillon Volunteer Fire Department

16:05:49 Chief Lyn Stimpson, Montana City Volunteer Fire Department; Jefferson City Fire Council

16:06:22 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

16:06:59 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

16:07:35 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:08:29 Cory Calnan, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)
16:09:06 Jerry Prete, Montana Traffic Incident Management (TIM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:09:53 Rep. Fern
16:12:50 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:12:58 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:16:59 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:18:06 Rep. Usher
16:20:36 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:21:04 Rep. Usher
16:22:16 Jim Dusenberry, MTTA
16:23:06 Chair Loge
16:23:27 Jerry Prete, TIM
16:23:58 Chair Loge
16:24:48 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:25:00 Rep. Marshall
16:26:13 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:26:39 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:27:11 Rep. Fitzgerald

Closing by Sponsor:

16:28:18 Rep. Fitzgerald

HEARING ON HB 266**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:29:59 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 266, Revise license plate laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:33:20 Tom Clarke, self

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:35:55 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA); Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA)
16:38:58 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

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

16:41:26 Rep. Fern
16:42:33 Rep. Holmlund
16:43:02 Rep. Marshall
16:43:16 Rep. Holmlund
16:43:40 Jessie Luther, AMT
16:44:02 Rep. Usher

16:44:54 Jessie Luther, AMT
16:45:32 Rep. Usher
16:46:52 Rep. Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

16:47:03 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON HB 267

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:49:41 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 267, Improve school bus safety laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

17:03:19 Joel Gaertig, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
17:03:56 Rob Tracy, Bigfork School District 83

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a09\)](#)

17:09:55 Chair Loge
17:10:04 Rep. Duram
17:10:19 Superintendent Elise Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
17:14:14 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)
17:15:17 Katrina Morrison, self

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a10\)](#)

17:18:30 Caden Kelley, self
17:19:35 Jule Walker, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a11\)](#)

17:23:42 Chair Loge

Opponents' Testimony:

17:24:08 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a12\)](#)

17:27:00 Rep. Usher left the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

17:30:31 Kenneth Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:31:01 Chair Loge
17:31:14 Rep. Duram

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a13\)](#)

17:33:03 Rep. Fern
17:35:34 Rep. Duram
17:36:57 Rep. Marshall
17:38:25 Rob Tracy, Bigfork School District 83

17:38:59 Rep. Harvey
17:40:15 Rep. Duram
17:40:38 Vice Chair Smith
17:41:13 Rob Tracy, Bigfork School District 83
17:42:13 Rep. J. Hinkle
17:43:04 Rep. Dooling left the meeting.
17:43:27 Rep. Duram
17:44:07 Chair Loge
17:44:30 Rep. Duram
17:46:34 Rep. Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

17:47:00 Rep. Duram

17:49:17 Recess
17:56:56 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

17:57:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 156 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**
Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote.

Discussion:

17:57:34 Rep. J. Hinkle

17:57:54 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 156 DO PASS.**

17:58:02 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 156 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a14\)](#)

Discussion:

17:58:15 Rep. J. Hinkle
17:58:25 Rep. Harvey
17:58:39 Rep. J. Hinkle
17:58:54 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
17:59:44 Chair Loge
17:59:53 Rep. Harvey
18:00:12 Rep. J. Hinkle
18:00:29 Chair Loge
18:00:36 Rep. Fern
18:01:16 Rep. J. Hinkle

18:01:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Usher and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

18:02:01 Joe Carroll, LSD

18:02:51 Rep. Fern

18:03:12 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 156 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

18:03:33 Rep. J. Hinkle

18:03:58 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 156 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh23a15)

Discussion:

18:04:20 Chair Loge

18:04:44 Rep. Fern

18:04:50 Rep. J. Hinkle

18:05:45 Rep. Harvey

18:06:07 Joe Carroll, LSD

18:06:59 Rep. Harvey

18:07:37 Without objection, Rep. Fern withdrew His motion.

18:09:01 Joe Carroll, LSD

18:09:25 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. J. Hinkle, Rep. Loge, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Usher and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

18:10:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey moved that **HB 156 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Usher and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

18:11:14 Chair Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:11:35

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh23aad.pdf](#))