

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeremy Trebas, on February 10, 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. 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. Dave Fern (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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 281, 2/3/2021; HB 306, 2/5/2021

Executive Action: HB 271, HB 272, HB 188, HB 266, HB 281, SB 9

15:01:17 Rep. Fern joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 306

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:40 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 306, Revise transportation laws relating to tourism.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:26 Kurk Valiton, Vigilante Shuttles and Tours

[**EXHIBIT\(trh28a01\)**](#)

15:12:08 Whitner Chase, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

15:14:21 Doug Habermann, Bike Walk Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:17:40 Susie Osborne, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:18:16 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:18:39 Susie Osborne, PSC
15:18:53 Chair Trebas
15:19:04 Susie Osborne, PSC
15:19:16 Rep. Loge
15:20:31 Susie Osborne, PSC
15:20:50 Vice Chair Smith
15:21:01 Susie Osborne, PSC
15:21:31 Rep. Usher
15:22:25 Susie Osborne, PSC
15:22:38 Rep. Usher
15:24:49 Rep. Funk
15:24:55 Chair Trebas
15:25:05 Vice Chair Smith
15:26:02 Kurk Valiton, Vigilante Shuttles and Tours
15:26:22 Vice Chair Smith
15:27:13 Susie Osborne, PSC
15:27:30 Rep. Marshall
15:28:21 Susie Osborne, PSC
15:28:38 Rep. Marshall
15:29:06 Kurk Valiton, Vigilante Shuttles and Tours

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:38 Rep. Funk

HEARING ON HB 281**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:32:55 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 281, Revise laws related to E bikes.

[EXHIBIT\(trh28a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:38:43 Shelby Demars, People for Bikes

[EXHIBIT\(trh28a03\)](#)

15:43:04 Doug Habermann, Bike Walk Montana

15:45:23 John Juras, Great Falls Bicycle Club

Opponents' Testimony:

15:46:37 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh28a04\)](#)

15:48:30 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(trh28a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

15:51:29 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(trh28a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:52:03 Rep. Usher

15:53:08 Rep. Gunderson

15:53:51 Rep. Usher

15:54:10 Shelby Demars, People for Bikes

15:56:57 Rep. Usher

15:57:26 Rep. Marshall

15:58:06 Noah Marion, MWA

15:59:05 Rep. Marshall

16:01:14 Rep. Gunderson

Closing by Sponsor:

16:01:42 Rep. Gunderson

16:03:42 Recess

16:16:37 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 188

16:16:56 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 188 DO PASS.**

16:17:09 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 188 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(trh28a07\)](#)

Discussion:

- 16:17:44 Rep. Loge
16:19:23 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 16:19:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.
- 16:20:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 188 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 271

- 16:21:54 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 271 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

- 16:22:06 Rep. Loge
- 16:22:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-5 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fern, Rep. Usher and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272

- 16:24:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 272 DO PASS**. Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 281

- 16:25:20 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 281 DO PASS**.
- 16:25:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 281 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(trh28a08)

- 16:26:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 281 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 9

16:27:28 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HR 9 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:27:40 Rep. Usher

16:28:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Usher will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 266

16:28:57 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 266 DO PASS.**

16:29:08 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **HB 266 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(trh28a09\)](#)

Discussion:

16:29:21 Rep. Usher

16:31:35 Rep. Loge

16:32:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:32:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 266 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. Harvey and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:33:34 Rep. Loge

16:34:08 Rep. Usher

16:34:18 Rep. Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:34:34

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh28aad.pdf](#))