

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on February 15, 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. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whitman Pena (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
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 365, 2/12/2021; HB 375, 2/12/2021; HB 283, 2/13/2021;
HJ 10, 2/13/2021

Executive Action: HB 207, HB 267, HB 365, HB 375, HB 383, HJ 10

HEARING ON HB 375

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:05:11 Rep. Fiona Nave (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 375, Designate the Douglas Martin Miller memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:02 Rep. Harvey

15:08:19 Rep. Nave

Closing by Sponsor:

15:08:37 Rep. Nave

HEARING ON HB 383

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:09:46 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 383, Revise laws regarding three-wheeled motorcycles.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:12 Rep. Whitman

15:14:31 Rep. Usher

15:14:52 Rep. Whitman

15:15:07 Vice Chair Smith

15:15:39 Rep. Usher

15:15:49 Chair Loge

15:18:28 Rep. Usher

Closing by Sponsor:

15:18:36 Rep. Usher

HEARING ON HB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:19:58 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 365, Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

15:23:09 Chair Loge

15:23:19 Rep. Trebas

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:18 Rep. Trebas

15:24:55 Vice Chair Smith assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HJ 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:25:26 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HJ 10, Provide for an interim study regarding autonomous vehicle use in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:28:55 John Iverson, American Automobile Association (AAA)

15:29:33 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

15:31:49 John MacDonald, Alliance For Automotive Innovation

15:34:40 SK Rossi, City of Bozeman; City of Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:35:46 Carol Strizich, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:25 Rep. Usher

15:37:02 Rep. Loge

15:37:58 Rep. Usher

Closing by Sponsor:

15:38:30 Rep. Loge

15:39:48 Rep. Loge assumed the Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 207

15:40:59 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 207 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:41:30 Joe Carol, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:42:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 207 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(trh31a01)

15:43:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 207 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 267

15:44:55 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 267 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:45:45 Joe Carroll, LSD
15:46:34 Rep. Usher
15:47:06 Joe Carroll, LSD
15:47:17 Rep. Usher
15:49:10 Chair Loge
15:49:18 Rep. Usher

15:49:23 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 267 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(trh31a02)

Discussion:

15:49:49 Joe Carroll, LSD
15:51:26 Chair Loge
15:52:09 Rep. Usher
15:52:19 Chair Loge
15:52:34 Rep. Harvey
15:53:18 Rep. Duram
15:54:03 Rep. Whitman
15:54:40 Chair Loge

15:55:09 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion to **POSTPONE CONSIDERATION ON HB 267**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

15:56:30 Rep. Dooling
15:56:45 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 10

15:57:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey moved that **HJ 10 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

15:57:32 Rep. Usher

15:57:48 Chair Loge
15:58:48 Rep. Fern
15:59:25 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 375

16:00:00 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 375 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:00:13 Rep. Usher
16:01:27 Rep. Harvey
16:02:20 Rep. Marshall
16:02:41 Rep. Fleming
16:04:00 Vice Chair Smith
16:04:29 Chair Loge
16:05:19 Rep. Whitman

16:05:47 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion that **HB 375 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

16:05:59 Rep. Fern

16:06:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Trebas voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:07:41 Chair Noland

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 365

16:08:04 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 365 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:08:28 Chair Loge
16:09:01 Rep. Fern
16:09:27 Chair Loge
16:09:41 Joe Carroll, LSD
16:09:53 Rep. Fern
16:10:52 Rep. Trebas

16:11:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:11:45 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 383

16:12:31 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 383 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:13:01 Rep. Whitman

16:13:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:13:56 Rep. Usher

16:14:21 Chair Loge

16:14:28 Rep. Fern

16:14:37 Chair Loge

16:15:25 Vice Chair Smith

16:15:34 Chair Loge

16:15:51 Rep. Usher

16:16:06 Chair Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:16:26

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh31aad.pdf](#))