

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley M. Loge, on February 17, 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

**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 350, 2/17/2021  
Executive Action: HB 264, HB 267, HB 306

**HEARING ON HB 350****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:06:06 Rep. Brian Putnam (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 350, Generally revise school bus laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:08:17 Rep. Duram

15:11:19 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

15:12:34 Emily Dean, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

**[EXHIBIT\(trh33a01\)](#)**

15:14:08 Griz Wold, Jordana's Alliance for Bus Safety (JABS)

**[EXHIBIT\(trh33a02\)](#)****Opponents' Testimony:**

15:15:30 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors' Association (MSBCA)

**Informational Testimony:**

15:21:09 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:21:38 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:25:52 Rep. Putnam

15:27:01 Rep. Whiteman Pena

15:30:17 Rep. Duram

15:31:36 Vice Chair Trebas

15:33:25 Rep. Duram

15:33:59 Rep. Usher

15:36:54 Rep. Putnam

15:37:15 Rep. Usher

15:40:25 Dan Smith, MPPA

15:40:43 Vice Chair Smith

15:41:17 Dan Smith, MPPA

15:41:28 Rep. Duram

15:42:11 Vice Chair Smith

15:42:30 Rep. Duram

15:43:05 Rep. Harvey

15:43:48 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:44:05 Rep. Fern

15:44:43 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:45:06 Rep. Fern

15:47:10 Rep. Duram

15:47:52 Chair Loge

15:48:16 Ken Bailey, OPI

15:48:39 Rep. Whiteman Pena

15:51:28 Rep. Putnam

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:51:43 Rep. Putnam

15:52:39 Chair Loge

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 264**

15:53:10 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:54:22 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 264 DO PASS.**

15:54:35 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 264 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(trh33a03)**

**Discussion:**

15:54:57 Rep. Usher

15:55:47 Chair Loge

15:56:16 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:56:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Galt, Rep. J. Hinkle, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Marshall and Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

15:57:26 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 264 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:57:35 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:59:07 Rep. Harvey

16:00:30 Rep. Trebas

16:01:04 Chair Loge

16:02:19 Joe Carroll, LSD

16:02:47 Rep. Dooling

16:03:40 Rep. J. Hinkle

16:04:10 Chair Loge

16:05:07 Rep. Usher

16:05:17 Vice Chair Smith

16:05:53 Rep. Usher

16:09:25 Chair Loge

16:09:32 Rep. Whiteman Pena

16:12:05 Rep. Whitman

16:12:44 Vice Chair Smith

16:13:41 Chair Loge

16:15:16 Rep. Usher

16:15:46 Chair Loge

16:16:44 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle made a substitute motion that **HB 264 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote.

16:17:20 Chair Loge

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 267**

16:17:59 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 267 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:18:34 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:20:05 Rep. Trebas  
16:20:32 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:21:12 Chair Loge  
16:22:46 Rep. Usher  
16:22:51 Chair Loge  
16:23:02 Vice Chair Smith

16:23:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 267 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(trh33a04)**

16:24:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. F. Smith moved that **HB 267 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 306**

16:26:03 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 306 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:26:15 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:27:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.  
16:27:45 Chair Loge  
16:28:43 Rep. Usher  
16:29:53 Rep. Harvey  
16:30:15 Chair Loge  
16:30:39 Rep. Marshall  
16:30:54 Rep. Usher  
16:31:01 Vice Chair Trebas  
16:31:39 Chair Loge  
16:32:09 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:32:20 Chair Loge  
16:32:45 Rep. Dooling  
16:33:20 Chair Loge  
16:33:40 Rep. Whiteman Pena  
16:34:10 Chair Loge  
16:34:31 Rep. Usher  
16:35:00 Chair Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:35:14

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh33aad.pdf](#))