

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on March 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. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Karli Kasler, 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: SB 274, 3/9/2021; SB 300, 3/9/2021; SB 372, 3/9/2021; HJ 22,
3/9/2021

HEARING ON SB 300**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:17 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 300, Generally revise laws related to driver education.

15:04:43 Rep. Hinkle joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:50 Lexi Dinwiddie, self

15:05:52 Michael Harris, Attorney Generals Office (AG)

15:07:35 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:09:23 Charlie Brown, Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

15:16:44 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Testimony:

15:19:48 Kenneth Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:20:21 Vice Chair Smith

15:23:30 Charlie Brown, MTEA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:23:58 Sen. Glimm

HEARING ON HJ 22**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:45 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 22, Interim study on public transportation.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:41 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

15:30:12 Rep. Dooling joined the meeting

15:32:20 Conor Ploeger, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:33:46 Corey Aldridge, Mountain Line

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:35:38 Chair Loge

15:36:38 Corey Aldridge, Mountain Line

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:24 Rep. Olsen

HEARING ON SB 274**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:41:57 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 274, Establish Judge Pedro R. Hernandez memorial highway.

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Proponents' Testimony:

15:47:38 Erik Anderson, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:45 Sen. Friedel

15:54:28 Recess

15:56:16 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 372**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:56:32 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 372, Revise driver license laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:58:07 Sean Lar, self

15:59:16 Michael Harris, Attorney Generals Office (AG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:00:16 Rep. Hinkle
16:01:05 Michael Harris, AG
16:01:25 Sen. McClafferty
16:01:45 Rep. Marshall joined the meeting
16:02:01 Rep. Usher
16:04:34 Michael Harris, AG
16:05:09 Rep. Fern
16:05:42 Sen. McClafferty
16:06:00 Rep. Fern
16:06:17 Michael Harris, AG
16:06:48 Vice Chair Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:35 Sen. McClafferty

16:08:20 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148

16:10:14 Rep. Usher

16:10:36 Rep. Dooling

16:11:02 Chair Loge

16:11:46 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:12:05 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion that **SB 148 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 10-2 by voice vote with Rep. Fern and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen were excused.

16:12:42 Chair Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:13:22

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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