

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on March 26, 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. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Heather, Vande-Sandt, 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 662, 3/24/2021; HB 674, 3/24/2021
Executive Action: HB 662

HEARING ON HB 674**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:12 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 674, Establish the driving the future grant program to recruit school bus drivers.

15:41:33 Rep. Whitman joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

15:41:52 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association

15:42:57 Rep. Hinkle joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:43:45 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:44:23 Rep. Fern

15:45:36 Rep. Duram

15:46:29 Vice Chair Trebas

15:46:53 Rep. Duram

15:47:03 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:48:52 Rep. Usher

15:49:45 Rep. Duram

15:50:12 Rep. Usher

15:54:27 Paul Taylor, OPI

15:55:28 Chair Loge

15:56:05 Rep. Duram

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:53 Rep. Duram

HEARING ON HB 662**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:01:19 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 662, Establish the Mary Fields memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:07:56 Rep. Fern

16:08:27 Rep. Karjala

16:08:49 Rep. Marshall

16:09:35 Rep. Karjala

16:10:03 Rep. Usher
16:10:27 Rep. Fern
16:11:08 Rep. Hinkle
16:11:45 Rep. Fern
16:12:13 Rep. Dooling
16:12:31 Rep. Karjala
16:13:33 Rep. Whitman
16:13:58 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

16:15:28 Rep. Karjala

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 662

16:17:41 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 662 DO PASS.**

16:17:50 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion that **HB 662 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen were excused.

16:18:51 Rep. Usher
16:19:06 Chair Loge
16:19:31 Rep. Karjala
16:19:52 Rep. Fern
16:21:01 Chair Loge
16:21:31 Rep. Trebas
16:21:56 Vice Chair Smith
16:22:19 Rep. Usher
16:23:16 Chair Loge
16:23:34 Rep. Fern
16:23:57 Chair Loge
16:24:20 Joe Carroll, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:24:42

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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