

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on March 29, 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. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Taylor Tyson, 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 684, 3/26/2021
Executive Action: HB 684, HB 674, HB684

HEARING ON HB 684**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:47 Rep. Mark Thane (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 684, Revise laws related to school bus safety.

[EXHIBIT\(trh61a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:01 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:08:16 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education (BOPE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:34 Rep. Fern
15:09:07 Bob Gilbert, MSBC
15:11:47 Rep. Trebas
15:12:32 Rep. Whitman
15:13:25 Rep. Thane
15:14:10 Rep. Marshall joined the meeting
15:14:19 Rep. Fern
15:17:03 Rep. Thane
15:17:46 Rep. Harvey
15:18:21 Rep. Thane

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:04 Rep. Thane

15:21:52 Recess
15:26:54 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 684

15:27:06 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 684 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:27:25 Rep. Fern
15:28:19 Rep. Fleming
15:29:26 Chair Loge
15:30:01 Rep. Usher
15:33:04 Rep. Fern
15:33:54 Rep. Whiteman Pena
15:35:43 Rep. Whitman
15:36:47 Vice Chair Smith
15:37:52 Chair Loge

15:38:08 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fern, Rep. Harvey, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Whiteman Pena and Rep. Whitman voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 674

15:40:02 **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 674 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:40:12 Rep. Fern

15:40:54 Chair Loge

15:42:33 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion that **HB 674 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fern, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 684

15:43:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Trebas moved that **HB 684 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:45:11

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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