

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on April 12, 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. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 336, 4/8/2021; SB 285, 4/8/2021

HEARING ON SB 336**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:04 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 336, Generally revise driver license laws.

15:04:16 Vice Chair Trebas assumed the chair

15:04:43 Chair Loge left the meeting

15:04:57 Rep. Hinkle left the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:54 Lori Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

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

15:08:16 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting

15:08:24 Rep. Fern

15:10:12 Lori Bakri, MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

15:10:34 Sen. Friedel

15:11:21 Vice Chair Smith Assumed the chair

HEARING ON SB 285**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:12:04 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 285, Provide gas and fuel tax refund for agriculture.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

15:17:31 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:18:21 Mikindra Morin, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

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

15:19:13 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:54 Rep. Usher

15:20:29 Jay Bodner, MSGA

15:21:08 Rep. Usher

15:21:31 Larry Flynn, MDT

15:21:51 Rep. Usher

15:22:00 Sen. Hinebauch

15:22:37 Chair Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

15:23:13 Sen. Hinebauch

15:24:56 Rep. Usher

15:25:07 Chair Smith

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 336

15:25:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 336 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Galt, Rep. J. Hinkle, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Loge and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy. Rep. Fern will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 285

15:27:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 285 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Galt, Rep. J. Hinkle, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Loge and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy. Rep. Usher will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:29:13

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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