

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on January 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary

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: Agency Introductions, Executive Action on SB 3, SB 9, SB 48, SB 74, SB 79

Agency Introductions:

15:02:11 Chair Vance

15:02:40 Sen. Sands entered the meeting.

15:04:14 Malcolm Long, acting director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:05:58 Chair Vance

15:06:04 Mr. Long, MDT

15:06:26 Brad Marten, administrator, Motor Carrier Services, MDT

15:10:42 Sen. McGillvray

15:11:13 Mr. Long

15:13:27 Sen. McGillvray

15:14:24 Chair Vance

15:14:41 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:15:29 Mr. Long

15:16:52 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:17:10 Mr. Long

15:17:29 Chair Vance

15:17:37 Mr. Long

15:19:40 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:20:31 Mr. Long

15:22:06 Sen. Gross

15:22:54 Mr. Long

15:23:15 Sen. Gross

15:23:56 Mr. Long

15:24:57 Sen. Gross

15:25:50 Mr. Marten, MDT

15:26:49 Sen. Welborn

15:28:12 Mr. Marten

15:30:29 Sen. Manzella

15:31:13 Mr. Marten

15:32:13 Sen. Glimm

15:33:07 Mr. Marten

15:35:13 Mr. Long

15:36:57 Sen. Glimm

15:39:20 Chair Vance

15:40:13 Laurie Bakri, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), Department of Justice

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15:40:45 Chair Vance

15:40:57 Ms. Bakari, MVD

15:47:31 Chair Vance

15:47:51 Sen. Friedel

15:48:20 Ms. Bakri

15:49:44 Chair Vance

15:50:14 Sen. Gross

15:50:38 Sen. Welborn

15:52:29 Joann Loehr, Vehicle Services Bureau, MVD

15:53:04 Sen. Welborn

15:53:28 Chair Vance

15:53:50 Ms. Bakri
15:54:07 Chair Vance

15:54:12 Recess
16:06:42 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 3

16:06:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 3 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 9

16:07:34 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 9 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:07:51 Sen. Manzella
16:08:23 Sen. Gross
16:09:31 Sen. Vance
16:10:27 Sen. Boland
16:10:54 Sen. Vance

16:11:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Manzella and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 48

16:12:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 48 DO PASS**. Motion failed 5-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

16:13:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 48 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 8-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 74

16:15:01 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 74 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:15:21 Laura Sankey-Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:15:49 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 74 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(his12a02\)](#)

Discussion:

16:16:03 Ms. Sankey-Keip, LSD
16:17:38 Chair Vance
16:17:58 Ms. Sankey-Keip
16:18:56 Sen. Sands

16:19:18 Ms. Sankey-Keip
16:19:34 Sen. Boland

16:20:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

16:20:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 74 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79

16:21:10 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 79 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:21:19 Sen. Boland
16:21:24 Chair Vance
16:21:31 Sen. Boland
16:22:25 Chair Vance
16:22:27 Sen. Boland
16:22:42 Chair Vance
16:24:21 Sen. Boland
16:24:51 Chair Vance
16:25:25 Sen. Boland

16:25:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:27 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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