

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on January 21, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 38, 1/15/2021; SB 64, 1/15/2021; SB 96, 1/15/2021
Executive Action: SB 96 - Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:44 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB38, Revised motorized trail program laws.

EXHIBIT(his14a01)

15:00:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

15:01:21 Sen. Manzella entered the meeting.

15:01:28 Sen. Welborn entered the meeting.

15:01:37 Sen. Sands entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:12 Kerry White, Bozeman

15:12:35 Margaret Morgan, Montana Snowmobilers Association

15:14:08 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

15:16:05 Ron Jendro, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(his14a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:19:04 Michael Roddewig, self

EXHIBIT(his14a03)

Informational Testimony:

15:21:11 Beth Shumate, Parks Division administrator, FWP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:38 Sen. Sands

15:22:36 Mr. White, Bozeman

15:24:38 Sen. Sands

15:25:14 Mr. White

15:26:26 Sen. Sands

15:26:45 Sen. Manzella

15:27:07 Sen. Gauthier

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:45 Sen. Gauthier

HEARING ON SB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:28 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB64, Revise compliance with federal REAL ID Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:31:25 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:32:58 Sen. McGillvray

15:33:35 Rebecca Connors, Driver Services Bureau chief, DOJ

15:34:23 Sen. McGillvray

Closing by Sponsor:

15:34:47 Sen. Sands

HEARING ON SB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:35:32 Sen. Susan Webber (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB96, Establish Helen Clarke memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(his14a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:42:54 Sen. McGillvray

15:43:20 Sen. Webber

15:44:18 Sen. Sands

15:45:01 Sen. Webber

15:46:22 Sen. Sands

15:46:56 Sen. Webber

Closing by Sponsor:

15:48:11 Sen. Webber

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96

15:48:59 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 96 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:49:13 Sen. McGillvray

15:49:42 Sen. Sands

15:50:34 Sen. Glimm

15:53:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Glimm and Sen. Manzella voting no.

15:52:13 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his14aad.pdf](#))