

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on February 11, 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. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Theresa Manzella (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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 83, 2/9/2021; HB 141, 2/9/2021; SB 198, 2/9/2021  
Executive Action: HB 141

15:00:36 Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

**HEARING ON SB 198**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:24 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB198, Revise laws related to parking of law enforcement vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:23 Joe Cohenour, citizen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:07:28 Sen. Friedel  
15:08:18 Mr. Cohenour, citizen  
15:08:47 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
15:09:14 Mr. Cohenour  
15:10:10 Sen. Sands  
15:11:42 Sen. Cohenour

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:13:20 Sen. Cohenour

**HEARING ON HB 83**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:14:23 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB83, Generally revise vehicle laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:17:23 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
15:18:56 Bruce Knudsen, executive vice president, Montana Automobile Dealers Association  
15:20:47 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:21:56 Sen. Bennett  
15:22:14 Ms. Bakri, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:22:46 Rep. Dooling

**HEARING ON HB 141**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:23:13 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB141, Generally revising vehicle and vessel title transfer laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:26:57 Roger Hagan, citizen

15:28:11 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)

15:28:55 Brand Boyar, Missoula

**EXHIBIT(his29a01)**

15:40:36 Vicki Cocchiarella, Missoula

**EXHIBIT(his29a02)**

15:43:58 Peter Simon, Montana State Bar, Townsend city attorney

**EXHIBIT(his29a03)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:47:04 Sen. Boland

15:47:20 Rep. Keogh

15:47:37 Ms. Bakri, DOJ

15:48:02 Sen. Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:48:29 Rep. Keogh

15:49:05 Chair Vance

15:49:38 Sen. Boland

15:49:57 Sen. Gross

15:50:04 Chair Vance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 141**

15:50:23 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 141 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

15:50:39 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:50:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Sen. Manzella was excused. Sen. Manzella will carry the bill.

15:51:52 Chair Vance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:52 PM

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Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his29aad.pdf](#))