

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on February 18, 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. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (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 184, 2/16/2021; HB 270, 2/16/2021  
Executive Action: HB 75; HB 256

**HEARING ON HB 270**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:11 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB270, Revise laws related to military spouse drivers licenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:42 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion, Montana National Guard Association, Enlisted Association of the National Guard

15:03:45 Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

15:05:21 Tammie Perreault, Department of Defense

15:08:05 Major General J. Peter Hronek, Montana National Guard, Department of Military Affairs

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:09:44 Sen. Glimm

15:09:59 Rep. Buttrey

15:10:18 Sen. Glimm

15:10:24 Rep. Buttrey

15:10:41 Sen. Boland

15:10:54 Rep. Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:11:26 Rep. Buttrey

15:11:45 Chair Vance

15:11:56 Rep. Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 75**

15:13:31 Chair Vance

15:13:54 Sen. Boland

15:14:21 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 75 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:15:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Sen. Glimm voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick was excused. Sen. Vance will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 256**

15:15:24 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 256 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

15:15:36 Sen. Vance

15:15:45 Sen. Sands  
15:16:08 Sen. Vance  
15:16:11 Sen. Friedel  
15:16:54 Sen. Sands  
15:17:44 Sen. Manzella  
15:18:33 Sen. Sands  
15:19:19 Sen. Vance  
  
15:19:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Gross, Sen. Sands, Sen. C. Smith, Sen. Vance and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy. Sen. Manzella will carry the bill.  
  
15:21:05 Sen. Vance

### HEARING ON HB 184

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:29 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB184, Generally revise bicycle laws regarding safety and lights.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:26:10 Duane Williams, CEO, Motor Carriers of Montana  
15:28:30 Kip Smith, Flathead Valley  
15:32:20 Chris Smith, Helena  
15:34:13 Ruth Hinnaland, Circle  
15:37:19 Doug Haberman, executive director, Bike Walk Montana

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#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:42:08 Dan Dodds, Helena

#### **Informational Testimony:**

15:46:00 Carol Strizich, Montana Department of Transportation

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:46:28 Sen. Friedel  
15:47:11 Rep. Loge  
15:47:23 Sen. Sands  
15:47:55 Mr. Haberman, Bike Walk Montana  
15:48:38 Sen. Sands  
15:48:59 Mr. Haberman  
15:49:37 Sen. Sands  
15:49:50 Mr. Haberman  
15:50:02 Sen. Manzella  
15:51:07 Rep. Loge  
15:51:34 Sen. Manzella  
15:53:40 Rep. Loge  
15:54:00 Sen. Manzella  
15:54:12 Chair Vance  
15:54:43 Rep. Loge

15:55:35 Chair Vance

15:55:47 Rep. Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:55:55 Rep. Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:01 PM

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his34aad.pdf](#))