

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

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: HB 207, 3/1/2021; HB 365, 3/1/2021; HB 383, 3/1/2021
Executive Action: HB 20; HB 266; HB 270; HB 271; HB 281

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20

15:00:59 Chair Vance

15:01:25 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:01:30 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 20 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(his49a01)

Discussion:

15:01:44 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division

15:02:55 Chair Vance

15:03:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sands, Sen. Fitzpatrick, and Sen. McGillvray were excused.

15:04:11 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 20 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:04:24 Sen. Boland

15:05:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sands, Sen. Fitzpatrick, and Sen. McGillvray were excused. Sen. Ellsworth will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 266

15:05:24 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 266 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:05:31 Sen. Friedel

15:05:36 Sen. McGillvray entered the meeting.

15:05:53 Chair Vance

15:06:09 Sen. Boland

15:06:44 Chair Vance

15:07:11 Sen. Boland

15:07:15 Sen. Bennett

15:07:51 Chair Vance

15:07:57 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division

15:08:10 Chair Vance

15:08:20 Sen. Boland

15:08:31 Ms. Sankey Keip, LSD

15:09:25 Chair Vance

15:09:38 Sen. Boland

15:09:57 Chair Vance

15:10:15 Ms. Sankey Keip

15:10:50 Chair Vance

15:10:54 Sen. Boland

15:11:10 Chair Vance
 15:11:33 Sen. Manzella
 15:11:44 Chair Vance
 15:11:51 Ms. Sankey Keip
 15:12:15 Chair Vance

15:12:30 Without objection, Sen. Welborn withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN** motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270

15:12:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 270 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Sands were excused. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 271

15:13:44 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 271 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

15:13:59 Chair Vance
 15:14:20 Sen. Boland
 15:15:12 Sen. McGillvray
 15:15:19 Chair Vance
 15:15:30 Sen. Friedel

15:15:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Sands and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Sands voted by proxy. Sen. Ellsworth will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 281

15:17:13 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 281 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

15:17:20 Chair Vance
 15:17:29 Sen. Boland
 15:17:52 Chair Vance
 15:18:12 Sen. Boland

15:18:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gross, Sen. McGillvray and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Sands voted by proxy. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 266

15:20:23 Ms. Sankey Keip

15:21:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 266 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Sands voted by proxy. Sen. Vance will carry the bill.

15:24:34 Recess
 15:44:34 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:44:14 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB365, Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:46:01 Roger Koopman, citizen
[EXHIBIT\(his49a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:49:31 Sen. Friedel
 15:50:12 Rep. Trebas

Closing by Sponsor:

15:50:22 Rep. Trebas

 15:51:13 Chair Vance
 15:51:17 Rep. Trebas
 15:51:22 Chair Vance

HEARING ON HB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:51:49 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB207, Generally revise school bus safety laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:58 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association
 15:55:16 Carter Marsh, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters
 15:55:58 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers
 15:56:37 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association
 15:57:37 Griz Wold, founder, Jordana's Alliance for Bus Safety
[EXHIBIT\(his49a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:58:50 McCall Flynn, executive director, Board of Public Information

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:59:18 Sen. Boland
 15:59:41 Chair Vance

15:59:49 Rep. Duram

Closing by Sponsor:

16:00:09 Rep. Duram

16:00:48 Chair Vance

16:00:52 Rep. Duram

HEARING ON HB 383

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:01:23 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB383, Revise laws regarding three-wheeled motorcycles.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:03:11 Sen. Friedel

16:03:33 Rep. Usher

16:05:05 Chair Vance

16:05:13 Sen. Glimm

16:05:27 Rep. Usher

16:05:45 Sen. Welborn

16:06:00 Rep. Usher

Closing by Sponsor:

16:06:47 Rep. Usher

16:07:27 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:07 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his49aad.pdf](#))