

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on March 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
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)
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: HB 438, 3/15/2021; HB 462, 3/15/2021; HB 482, 3/15/2021; HJ
10, 3/15/2021
Executive Action: SB 336, HJ 10, HB 438, HB 482, HB 306

HEARING ON HJ 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:47 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HJ10, Provide for an interim study regarding autonomous vehicle use in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:41 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana

15:05:09 Sen. Boland entered the meeting.

15:07:14 John Iverson, AAA

15:07:30 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation

15:07:33 Sen. Fox entered the meeting.

15:07:41 Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

15:09:23 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:11:33 Carol Strizich, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:03 Sen. McGillvray

15:12:27 Rep. Loge

15:12:55 Sen. McGillvray

15:13:11 Rep. Loge

15:13:45 Sen. Sands

15:14:35 Rep. Loge

15:15:25 Sen. Sands

15:15:46 Rep. Loge

Closing by Sponsor:

15:16:32 Rep. Loge

HEARING ON HB 438

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:09 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), opened the hearing on HB438, Revise commercial driver license laws to include military waiver.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:19:04 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice

15:19:40 Roger Hagan, Montana Army National Guard Association; Montana Chapter of the American Legion

15:20:24 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:20:58 Brad Marten, Motor Carrier Services administrator, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:21:24 Rep. Galloway

15:22:08 Chair Vance

15:23:37 Sen. Boland

15:24:01 Chair Vance

HEARING ON HB 462

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:24:26 Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB462, Revise driver license laws for foster children.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:25:12 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:07 Sen. Gross

15:26:26 Rep. Stromswold

15:26:40 Ms. Bakri, DOJ

15:27:09 Sen. Sands

15:28:00 Ms. Bakri

15:28:22 Sen. Sands

15:28:36 Ms. Bakri

15:29:26 Sen. Friedel

15:30:26 Ms. Bakri

15:30:45 Sen. Friedel

15:30:57 Ms. Bakri

15:31:07 Sen. Gross

15:31:51 Sen. Bennett

15:32:49 Rep. Stromswold

15:33:10 Ms. Bakri

15:33:46 Sen. McGillvray

15:34:07 Ms. Bakri

15:34:57 Sen. McGillvray

15:35:11 Ms. Bakri

15:35:16 Sen. McGillvray

15:35:38 Chair Vance

15:35:45 Ms. Bakri

Closing by Sponsor:

15:35:58 Rep. Stromswold

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 10

15:37:12 Chair Vance

15:37:26 Sen. Boland

15:37:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HJ 10 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Glimm, Sen. Smith, Sen. Welborn, Sen. Manzella, and Sen. Fitzpatrick were excused. Sen. Vance will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 438

15:38:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 438 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Glimm, Sen. Smith, Sen. Welborn, Sen. Manzella, and Sen. Fitzpatrick were excused. Sen. McGillvray will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 336

15:40:52 Sen. Friedel

15:41:42 Chair Vance

15:42:07 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)

15:42:22 Chair Vance

15:42:29 Ms. Bakri, DOJ

15:43:02 Sen. Boland

15:43:13 Sen. Welborn entered the meeting.

15:43:14 Sen. Manzella entered the meeting.

15:43:23 Sen. Vance

15:43:34 Ms. Bakri

15:44:11 Sen. Boland

15:44:19 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **SB 336 DO PASS**.**Discussion:**

15:44:35 Sen. Sands

15:44:51 Chair Vance

15:44:53 Sen. Friedel

15:45:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Smith, Sen. Glimm were excused.

15:46:53 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:47:03 Chair Vance

15:47:24 Sen. Sands

15:47:37 Chair Vance

15:47:41 Ms. Sankey Keip, LSD

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 306

15:48:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 306 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Smith, Sen. Glimm were excused. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

15:49:06 Sen. Glimm entered the meeting.

15:49:19 Sen. Sands

15:51:30 Chair Vance

15:52:27 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:52:41 Sen. Sands

15:53:13 Chair Vance

HEARING ON HB 482

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:55:27 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB482, Revise license plate laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:56:47 Roger Hagan, Montana Army National Guard Association; Montana Chapter of the American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:57:26 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:58:11 Chair Vance

15:58:27 Mr. Hagan

15:58:49 Chair Vance

15:58:59 Sen. Sands

15:59:23 Mr. Hagan

16:00:17 Sen. Sands

16:00:40 Rep. Gunderson

16:01:40 Sen. Sands

16:02:09 Rep. Gunderson

16:03:20 Sen. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

16:03:51 Rep. Gunderson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 482

16:04:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 482 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Smith were excused. Sen. Fox will carry the bill.

16:06:17 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:06 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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