

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on March 23, 2021 at 3:15 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Alex Colafrancesco, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 476, 3/16/2021; HB 586, 3/16/2021; HB 598, 3/16/2021; HB
608, 3/16/2021

HEARING ON HB 476**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:15:44 Rep. Kathy Whitman (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB476, Generally revise commercial tow truck classification standards.

EXHIBIT(his57a01)

15:16:51 Sen. Manzella left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:17:42 Jim Dusenberry, citizen

15:18:20 Sen. Smith entered the meeting.

15:21:46 Terry Morrison, president, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA); Mr. T's Towing and Repair, Bozeman

15:27:43 Bob Gilbert, MTTA

Opponents' Testimony:

15:30:58 Rep. Neil Duram, HD 2

Informational Testimony:

15:34:31 Brad Marten, Motor Carrier Services administrator, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:35:02 Sen. Glimm

15:35:49 Mr. Morrison, MTTA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:58 Rep. Whitman

HEARING ON HB 598**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:49 Rep. Kathy Whitman (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB598, Generally revise disability parking laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:41:32 Joel Peden, executive director, Montana Association of Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)

15:44:56 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:46:35 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

15:48:26 Lisa Michael, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(his57a02)

15:50:34 Travis Hoffman, advocacy coordinator, Summit Independent Living

15:55:11 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services

EXHIBIT(his57a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:56:37 Sen. Friedel

15:57:17 Rep. Whitman

15:57:36 Sen. Smith left the meeting.

15:57:39 Mr. Peden, MTCIL

Closing by Sponsor:

15:58:38 Rep. Whitman

HEARING ON HB 586

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:59:55 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB586, Revise motor vehicle laws related to missing titles.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:01:52 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:03:23 Chair Vance

16:03:37 Ms. Bakri, DOJ

16:03:48 Chair Vance

16:03:56 Ms. Bakri

16:04:01 Chair Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

16:04:26 Rep. Galloway

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:05:07 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB608, Revise commercial driver licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:06:00 Brad Marten, Motor Carrier Services administrator, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:10:23 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:11:01 Chair Vance
16:11:16 Ms. Bakri, DOJ
16:13:00 Chair Vance
16:13:15 Ms. Bakri
16:13:50 Chair Vance
16:14:11 Ms. Bakri
16:14:26 Sen. Glimm
16:14:49 Ms. Bakri
16:14:59 Sen. Glimm
16:15:18 Ms. Bakri
16:15:41 Chair Vance
16:16:00 Mr. Marten, MDT
16:16:19 Ms. Bakri
16:17:08 Chair Vance
16:17:17 Mr. Marten

Closing by Sponsor:

16:17:31 Rep. Galloway

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 188

16:18:42 Chair Vance
16:19:23 Sen. Welborn

16:19:31 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 188 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:19:51 Sen. Glimm
16:20:34 Sen. Welborn
16:21:45 Chair Vance
16:22:08 Sen. Glimm
16:22:16 Chair Vance

16:22:18 Without objection, Sen. Welborn withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN** motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:22 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his57aad.pdf](#))