# MINUTES

## MONTANA SENATE
## 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

## COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:**     Chair Gordon Vance, on April 13, 2021 at 3:30 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. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**
>    Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)

**Members Excused:**
>    Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
>    Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Absent:**  None

**Staff Present:**  Alex Colafrancesco, 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:     SJ 24, 4/9/2021; HB 464, 4/9/2021; HB 247, 4/9/2021; HB 610, 4/9/2021

Executive Action:     HB 610

## HEARING ON HB 247

**Opening Statement by Sponsor**:
15:35:40      Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB247, Revise motor vehicle fleet registration.
**EXHIBIT(his70a01)**

15:36:58      Sen. Sands and Sen. Friedel entered the meeting.

15:37:00      Sen. McGillvray left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony**:
15:38:28      Laurie Bakri, director, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)
15:38:59      Jessie Luther, Enterprise Holdings
**EXHIBIT(his70a02)**

15:40:22      Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association
15:40:57      David Smith, executive director, Montana Contractors' Association

**Opponents' Testimony**: None

**Informational Testimony**: None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses**:
15:41:36      Sen. Bennett
15:42:04      Rep. Bertoglio
15:42:15      Ms. Bakri, DOJ
15:42:29      Sen. Friedel
15:42:54      Ms. Bakri
15:43:25      Sen. Glimm
15:43:49      Ms. Bakri
15:44:05      Sen. Glimm
15:44:16      Ms. Bakri

**Closing by Sponsor**:
15:44:52      Rep. Bertoglio

## HEARING ON HB 464

**Opening Statement by Sponsor**:
15:46:44      Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB464, Repeal local option gas tax.

**Proponents' Testimony**:
15:48:12      Dirk Cooper, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)
15:49:43      Bob Gilbert, Phillips County
15:51:01      Rep. Ron Marshall, HD 87
15:51:55      Rep. Kathy Whitman, HD 96

15:52:56      Brad Longcake, MPMCSA
15:54:48      Jessie Luther, Enterprise Holdings
15:55:28      Brad Griffin, president, Montana Retail Association
15:55:55      E.J. Redding, Montana Solid Waste Association, Montana Beer and Wine
                Distributers Association
15:56:37      Colleen Vallely, CEO, Sutey Oil Company Inc.
**EXHIBIT**(his70a03)

16:00:12      Earl Allen, citizen
**EXHIBIT**(his70a04)

16:00:28      Jesse Ramos, Missoula

Additional Testimony Received:
**EXHIBIT**(his70a05)

**Opponents' Testimony**:
16:00:49      Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
16:02:40      Josh Slotnick, commissioner, Missoula County
**EXHIBIT**(his70a06)

16:05:13      Shane Stack, Missoula County Public Works
16:07:55      Matthew Whitman, Park County
16:08:56      Jeremy Keene, Public Works director, Missoula County
16:11:55      Tim Burton, executive director, Montana League of Cities and Towns
16:12:50      Darryl James, executive director, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)
16:13:55      David Smith, executive director, Montana Contractors' Association
**EXHIBIT**(his70a07)

16:14:30      Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors
16:15:37      Bill Cole, mayor, Billings
16:16:03      Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Testimony**: None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses**:
16:16:39      Sen. Glimm
16:17:09      Mr. Rittal, MACo
16:17:50      Sen. Glimm
16:18:17      Mr. Ramos, Missoula
16:19:19      Sen. Friedel
16:19:59      Mr. Longcake, MPMCSA
16:20:56      Sen. Friedel
16:21:12      Mr. Longcake
16:22:12      Sen. Friedel
16:22:36      Mr. Longcake
16:23:16      Sen. Friedel
16:23:52      Mr. Longcake
16:24:34      Chair Vance
16:24:57      Sen. Manzella

16:25:17      Mr. Longcake
16:25:41      Sen. Manzella
16:26:11      Mr. Stack, Missoula County
16:26:44      Sen. Manzella
16:27:12      Mr. Stack
16:27:42      Sen. Manzella
16:28:00      Mr. Stack
16:28:09      Sen. Sands
16:28:54      Mr. James, MIC
16:31:03      Sen. Sands
16:31:26      Mr. James
16:32:29      Sen. Bennett
16:33:19      Mr. Cole, City of Billings
16:34:25      Sen. Bennett

16:34:46      Sen. Welborn entered the meeting.

16:34:55      Mr. Slotnick, Missoula County

**Closing by Sponsor**:
16:35:40      Rep. Regier

## HEARING ON SJ 24

**Opening Statement by Sponsor**:
16:36:12      Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SJ24, Request interim
study of traffic safety related to headlight design and use.

**Proponents' Testimony**:
16:39:33      John Lawrence Ashmore, Seeley Lake
**EXHIBIT(his70a08)**

Additional Proponent Testimony:
**EXHIBIT(his70a09)**

**Opponents' Testimony**: None

**Informational Testimony**: None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses**:
16:41:41      Sen. Gross
16:41:59      Sen. O'Brien
**EXHIBIT(his70a10)**

**Closing by Sponsor**:
16:42:24      Sen. O'Brien

## HEARING ON HB 610

**Opening Statement by Sponsor**:
16:43:27    Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB610,
Establish the Terry Spotted Wolf, Sr. memorial highway.

**Proponents' Testimony**:
16:46:25    Kelly Twoteeth, Helena
16:47:06    Adrian Jawort, Montana Native Vote
16:48:15    Dan Smith, executive director, Montana Police Protective Association; Montana
Law Enforcement Museum
16:49:10    Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

**Opponents' Testimony**: None

**Informational Testimony**: None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses**: None

**Closing by Sponsor**:
16:50:26    Rep. Whiteman Pena

## EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 610

16:51:13    Chair Vance

16:51:22    **Motion:**  Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 610 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**
16:51:38    Sen. Glimm

16:51:56    **Vote:**  Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. McGillvray, and
Sen. Smith were excused. Sen. Fox will carry the bill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  4:52 PM


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Gwyn Schooler, Secretary


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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT(his70aad.pdf)**

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