

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Denley Loge-R, on January 04, 2023 at 3:03 PM, in 455

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Denley Loge, Chair (R)  
Rep. Neil Duram, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Brad Barker (R)  
Rep. Denise Baum (D)  
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)

**Staff Present:** Sara Hess, Research Analyst  
Macy McCauley, 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 46 12/27/2022  
HB 75 12/20/2022  
HB 129 12/28/2022

Executive Action:

**Committee Discussion:**

15:04:52 Rep. Frank Smith

15:04:53 Rep. Jennifer Lynch

15:04:59 Rep. Julie Dooling

15:05:12 Rep. Scot Kerns

15:05:38 Rep. Tony Brockman

15:05:53 Rep. Mallerie Stromswold

15:06:12 Rep. Dave Fern

15:06:48 Macy McCauley

15:07:24 Rep. Neil Duram

15:08:02 Rep. Denley Loge

15:08:36 Megan Moore, Staff

15:08:57 Sara Hess, Research Analyst

15:09:19 Rep. Denise Baum

15:09:44 Rep. Brad Barker

15:10:08 Rep. Tanner Smith

15:10:35 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

15:11:26 Rep. Zach Werth

15:12:12 Rep. Bob Carter

15:12:46 Amy Braml

15:16:49 Rep. Scot Kerns

15:27:00 **Motion:** Rep. Scot Kerns moved to adopt Committee Rules and to include proxy votes.

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Introductions and Discussion:**

15:28:00 Malcolm Long, Director, Montana Department of Transportation  
15:30:08 (MDT)  
Dustin Rouse, Highways and Engineering Administrator

15:30:40 John Swartz, Maintenance Administrator For Montana Department  
of Transportation

15:31:47 Rob Stapley, Division Administrator for Rail Transit and Planning

15:32:26 Julie Brown, Deputy Director Montana Department of  
Transportation

15:33:08 Dwyane Kailey, Chief Engineer at Montana Department of  
Transportation

15:33:34 Larry Flynn, Chief Financial Officer MDT

15:33:55 Valerie Wilson, Chief Legal Counsel for Montana Department of  
Transportation

15:34:27 Brad Marten, Administrator for Motor Carrier Service

15:36:16 Tim Conway, Administrator for Aeronautics Division

15:38:12 Rep. Bob Carter

15:38:32 Brad Marten, Administrator for Motor Carrier Service

15:39:51 Rep. Denley Loge

15:39:57 Laurie Bakri, Division Administrator for Motor Vehicle Division

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15:49:44 Rep. Julie Dooling

15:50:48 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

15:52:21 Rep. Tony Brockman

15:54:46 Rep. Bob Carter

15:27:50 Malcom Long, MDT

15:55:36 Rep. Denley Loge

15:55:50 Rep. Dave Fern

**HEARING ON HB 75 - Revise reporting requirements for fuel tax refunds**

**Opening Statement:**

15:59:08 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 75, Revise reporting requirements for fuel tax refunds.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:00:00 Larry Flynn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:02:45 Kendra Smith, Montana Depart of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:03:00 Larry Flynn, MDT

16:03:56 Rep. Brad Barker

16:04:28 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

16:05:00 Kendra Smith, MDT

**Closing Statement:**

16:06:44 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, closed the hearing on HB 75.

**HEARING ON HB 129 - Revise fees for special mobile equipment**

**Opening Statement:**

16:08:08 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 129, Revise fees for special mobile equipment.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:10:50 Kory Hofland, Administrator For Property Assessment  
16:15:14 Brad Marten, Administrator for Motor Carrier Services  
16:16:30 Jason Toddhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:18:07 Rep. Bob Carter  
16:18:31 Kory Hofland, MLA  
16:22:05 Rep. Denley Loge

**Closing Statement:**

16:23:25 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 129.

**HEARING ON HB 46 - Revise point of fuel taxation first receivership laws**

**Opening Statement:**

16:25:31 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 46, Revise point of fuel taxation first receivership laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:28:56 Larry Flynn, Chief Financial Officer for Department Of Transportation  
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**Opponent Testimony:**

16:36:34 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers (MPM)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:39:35 Kendra Smith, Montana Department Of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:40:04 Rep. Scot Kerns  
16:40:17 Brad Longcake, MPM  
16:41:04 Rep. Frank Smith  
16:41:14 Kendra Smith, MDT  
16:41:48 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger  
16:43:05 Larry Flynn, MDT  
16:44:02 Rep. Brad Barker  
16:49:19 Rep. Dave Fern  
16:50:46 Rep. Tanner Smith  
16:56:26 Rep. Bob Carter  
16:58:14 Rep. Denley Loge

**Closing Statement:**

17:00:12 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, closed the hearing on HB 46.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:02:24

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230104TRHaad\)](#)