

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Denley Loge-R, on January 13, 2023 at 3:04 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. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tanner Smith (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 184 01/09/2023

HB 179 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

HB 105 DO PASS

16:20:58

**Committee Discussion:**

16:21:03 Rep. Denley Loge

**HEARING ON HB 184 - Revising mandatory motor vehicle insurance laws relating certain vehicles**

**Opening Statement:**

15:05:52 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 184, Revising mandatory motor vehicle insurance laws relating certain vehicles.

**Discussion:**

15:05:55 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:10:10 Frank Cote, Commissioners Insurance Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:11:43 Rep. Scot Kerns

15:12:33 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

15:12:47 Rep. Scot Kerns

15:13:35 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

15:13:37 Rep. Scot Kerns

15:13:52 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

15:14:11 Rep. Scot Kerns  
15:14:28 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:14:37 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
15:15:30 Rep. Brad Barker  
15:15:59 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
15:16:32 Rep. Brad Barker  
15:16:34 Frank Cote, Commissioners Insurance Office  
15:16:42 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger  
15:17:01 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
15:17:32 Rep. Dave Fern  
15:18:23 Cote, Commissioners Insurance Office  
15:20:30 Rep. Bob Carter  
15:21:01 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
15:21:57 Rep. Denise Baum  
15:22:23 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
15:22:51 Frank Cote, Commissioners Insurance Office  
15:24:23 Rep. Scot Kerns  
15:25:39 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
15:26:49 Rep. Neil Duram  
15:27:26 Frank Cote, Commissioners Insurance Office  
15:28:25 Rep. Neil Duram  
15:28:51 Frank Cote, Commissioners Insurance Office  
15:29:56 Rep. Neil Duram  
15:30:06 Frank Cote, Commissioners Insurance Office

15:30:50 Rep. Neil Duram

**Closing Statement:**

15:31:25 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 184.

**Discussion:**

15:31:32 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

**HEARING ON HB 179 - Revise careless driving laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:33:10 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 179, Revise careless driving laws.

**Discussion:**

15:33:12 Rep. Neil Duram-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:39:10 Rep. Dave Fern

15:40:03 Rep. Neil Duram-R

15:40:43 Rep. Dave Fern

15:41:42 Rep. Neil Duram-R

15:44:03 Rep. Scot Kerns

15:45:39 Rep. Neil Duram-R

15:47:04 Rep. Tony Brockman

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| 15:47:46 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 15:48:46 | Rep. Scot Kerns         |
| 15:49:43 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 15:51:26 | Rep. Scot Kerns         |
| 15:52:25 | Rep. Neil Duram         |
| 15:52:30 | Rep. Scot Kerns         |
| 15:53:08 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 15:53:42 | Rep. Bob Carter         |
| 15:54:24 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 15:54:27 | Rep. Bob Carter         |
| 15:54:54 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 15:56:25 | Rep. Bob Carter         |
| 15:56:50 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 15:57:10 | Rep. Courtenay Sprunger |
| 15:57:48 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 15:58:47 | Rep. Courtenay Sprunger |
| 15:59:12 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 16:00:52 | Rep. Dave Fern          |
| 16:01:57 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 16:03:14 | Rep. Bob Carter         |
| 16:03:29 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 16:05:14 | Rep. Scot Kerns         |
| 16:06:56 | Rep. Neil Duram-R       |
| 16:08:43 | Rep. Denise Baum        |

16:10:01 Rep. Neil Duram-R  
16:10:38 Rep. Frank Smith  
16:11:33 Rep. Neil Duram-R  
16:12:02 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger left the meeting.  
16:13:20 Rep. Frank Smith  
16:13:59 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:14:59 Rep. Neil Duram-R  
16:15:31 Rep. Bob Carter  
16:15:50 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:16:51 Rep. Tanner Smith joined the meeting.  
16:17:02 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger joined the meeting.

**Closing Statement:**

16:16:17 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, closed the hearing on HB 179.

**Discussion:**

16:16:25 Rep. Neil Duram-R

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 105 - Revise railroad protective device funding**

16:19:31 **Motion:** Rep. Brad Barker moved that **HB 105 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:19:41 Sara Hess  
16:19:54 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:20:58  
16:19:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:21:42

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230113TRHaad\)](#)