

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Katie Zolnikov-R, on January 23, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 472

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)  
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)  
Rep Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)

**Staff Present:** Lucinda Blair, Secretary  
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

**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 191 01/16/2023

HB 278 01/19/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 191 – Eliminating class D motor carrier regulation**

**Opening Statement:**

15:02:27 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 191, Eliminating class D motor carrier regulation

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:06:21 Rep. Caleb Hinkle, HD 68  
15:07:47 Parker Noland, Self  
15:11:09 Jack Brown, Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF)  
15:15:33 Roger Koopman, Self  
EXHIBIT  
15:23:07 Scott Boggio, Self

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:25:26 EJ Redding, Montana Solid Waste Contractors Association (MTSWCA)  
EXHIBIT  
15:28:12 Gary Zadick, Self  
15:32:44 Lance Johnson, L&L Site Services  
15:35:39 Allen Bowker, Bowker Sanitation  
EXHIBIT  
15:43:46 Lonnie Johnson, Plentywood Sanitation  
15:46:09 Chance Sparrow, Tri County Disposal  
EXHIBIT  
15:49:12 Brandon Sandbak, MacKenzie Disposal  
15:51:29 Kelly Reid, Miles City Sanitation (MCS)  
15:52:18 Rusty Giulio, Giulio Disposal  
15:53:05 Michael Haskins, Rus-Kins Incorporated  
16:00:01 Eric Anderson, Teamster Local 2, Local 190  
16:01:19 Jennifer Bernosky, Bitterroot and Evergreen Disposal  
16:02:41 Jessica Murphy, Bitterroot Disposal/Victor Transfer Station  
16:04:13 Chad Bauer, Republic Services

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:08:51 Lucas Hamilton, Public Service Commission (PSC)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:09:24 Rep. Paul Green  
16:09:24 Chad Bauer, Republic Services  
16:11:46 Rep. Larry Brewster  
16:11:48 Lucas Hamilton, PSC  
16:12:43 Rep. Paul Fielder  
16:13:51 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
16:15:19 Rep. Bob Phalen  
16:15:22 Rep. Brad Barker-R  
16:17:18 Rep. Derek Harvey  
16:17:22 EJ Redding, MTSWCA  
16:19:40 Brandon Sandbak, MacKenzie Disposal  
16:20:24 Roger Koopman  
16:24:42 Chair Katie Zolnikov  
16:27:39 Rep. Laurie Bishop  
16:31:48 Vice Chair Steven Galloway  
16:33:40 Gary Zadick  
16:34:21 Jack Brown, PLF  
16:37:04 Kelly Reid, MCS

**Closing Statement:**

16:41:31 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 191.

16:44:11 **Recessed**

16:53:44 **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON HB 278 – Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws**

**Opening Statement:**

16:55:06 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 278, Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:57:17 Roger Koopman, Self

**Opponent Testimony:**

17:01:26 EJ Redding, Montana Solid Waste Contractors Association (MTSWCA)

17:03:24 Lance Johnson, L&L Site Services

17:05:09 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

EXHIBIT

17:08:11 Chance Sparrow, Tri County Disposal

17:09:49 Brandon Sandbak, MacKenzie Disposal

17:12:30 Chad Bauer, Republic Services

17:14:19 Jennifer Bernosky, Bitterroot and Evergreen Disposal

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

17:15:02 Lucas Hamilton, Public Service Commission (PSC)

**Questions from Committee:**

17:15:31 Rep. Paul Fielder

17:15:33 Rep. Brad Barker-R

17:16:15 Chad Bauer, Republic Services

17:18:15 Rep. Derek Harvey

17:18:17 Lucas Hamilton, PSC

17:19:22 Rep. Laurie Bishop

17:21:37 Rep. Bob Phalen

17:22:25 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

17:22:28 Thomas Jodoin, MTLCT

17:23:10 Chair Katie Zolnikov

17:24:58 Lance Johnson, L&L

**Closing Statement:**

17:30:31 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 278.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:33:15

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Lucinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: EXHIBIT(230123FEH)