

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Denley Loge-R, on February 01, 2023 at 3:46 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. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (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 339 01/30/2023

HB 365 01/30/2023

HB 366 01/30/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 365 - Revise suspended driver's license laws

Opening Statement:

15:50:21 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 365, Revise suspended driver's license laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:52:41 Rep. Dave Fern
15:52:53 Rep. Scot Kerns-R
15:54:54 Rep. Neil Duram
15:55:59 Rep. Tanner Smith
15:57:02 Rep. Denise Baum
15:58:57 Rep. Edward Butcher
15:59:57 Rep. Frank Smith
16:02:14 Rep. Bob Carter

Closing Statement:

16:02:37 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 365.

HEARING ON HB 366 - Increase penalties for passing school buses

Opening Statement:

16:03:17 Rep. Donavon Hawk (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 366, Increase penalties for passing school buses.

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Proponent Testimony:

16:08:07 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA)

16:11:50 Rep. Jennifer Lynch, HD 78

16:12:32 Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

16:14:02 Nannette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

16:14:59 Joel Gaertig, Montana Firemen's Association

16:15:40 Erica Siate, Self

Opponent Testimony:

16:17:44 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:20:51 Rep. Neil Duram

16:21:17 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU

16:24:21 Rep. Edward Butcher

16:26:02 Rep. Dave Fern

16:26:14 Rep. Donavon Hawk-D

16:27:55 Rep. Scot Kerns

16:30:55 Rep. Tanner Smith

16:31:51 Rep. Bob Carter

16:33:10 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
16:37:14 Rep. Bob Carter
16:38:23 Bob Gilbert, MSBCA
16:40:18 Rep. Brad Barker
16:43:59 Rob Watson, SAM
16:44:51 Rep. Frank Smith

Closing Statement:

16:46:15 Rep. Donavon Hawk (D), HD 76, closed the hearing on HB 366.
16:47:48 Vice Chair Duram takes over as chair.

HEARING ON HB 339 - Establish laws for autonomous vehicles

Opening Statement:

16:48:30 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 339, Establish laws for autonomous vehicles.

Proponent Testimony:

16:54:57 Paul Flores, Montana Collision Repair Association
16:58:19 Kouri Marshall, Chamber of Progress

Opponent Testimony:

17:02:27 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
17:08:16 Scott Reichner, Montana Auto Dealer Association
17:09:40 Ariel Wolf, Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA)
17:13:30 Thad Kurowski, Tesla

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:17:17 Malcom Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
17:17:28 Rob Stapley, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee:

17:18:09 Rep. Dave Fern
17:19:03 Rep. Denley Loge-R
17:19:32 Rep. Neil Duram
17:20:30 Thad Kurowski, Tesla
17:23:21 Rep. Tanner Smith
17:25:03 Rep. Denise Baum
17:26:06 Ariel Wolf, AVIA
17:31:49 Rep. Bob Carter
17:35:12 Rob Stapley, MDT
17:37:41 Kouri Marshall
17:39:21 Malcom Long, MDT

Closing Statement:

17:40:12 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 339.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:42:45

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201TRHaad\)](#)