

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Denley Loge-R, on February 03, 2023 at 3:02 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. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)

**Staff Present:** Sara Hess, Research Analyst  
Macy McCauley, Secretary

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 55 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 261 DO PASS  
HB 320 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 327 DO PASS  
HB 365 DO PASS  
HB 366 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**Committee Discussion:**

15:04:28 Rep. Dave Fern  
15:04:47 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:05:08 Sara Hess  
15:10:46 Rep. Scot Kerns  
15:12:38 Rep. Neil Duram  
15:13:30 Rep. Denise Baum  
15:14:46 **Recessed**  
15:37:00 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 55 - An act establishing a tax on electric vehicle charging stations**

15:38:00 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 55 DO PASS.**  
15:38:25 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 55 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:38:49 Rep. Dave Fern  
15:39:15 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:41:49 Rep. Denise Baum  
**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
15:46:30 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 55 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 261 - Revise e-bike laws**

15:48:00 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 261 DO PASS.**  
15:49:48 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 261 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:51:49 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:52:16 Rep. Denley Loge

**Vote:** Motion failed 9 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Carter, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fern, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Smith, voting yes.  
Rep. Carter, Rep. Dooling, By Proxy

15:52:26 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 261 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 1 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, voting no.  
Rep. Carter, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 320 - Generally revise motor vehicle laws**

15:53:59 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 320 DO PASS.**

15:54:27 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 320 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:54:51 Rep. Brad Barker

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

15:59:06 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 320 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

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

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 327 - Revise allowed uses of transportation services account**

15:57:09 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 327 DO PASS.**

15:57:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 365 - Revise suspended driver's license laws**

15:59:07 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 365 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:59:15 Sara Hess

15:59:31 Rep. Dave Fern

16:00:36 Rep. Scot Kerns  
16:00:44 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:00:49 Rep. Neil Duram  
16:01:38 Rep. Denise Baum

**Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Sprunger, voting no.  
Rep. Sprunger, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 366 - Increase penalties for passing school buses**

16:03:07 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 366 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:03:33 Sara Hess

16:04:00 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 366 BE AMENDED.**

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

16:05:27 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **HB 366 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Smith, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:07:17

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

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