

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Denley Loge-R, on February 15, 2023 at 3:25 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. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Brad Barker (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)

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 439 02/10/2023
HB 472 02/10/2023
HB 489 02/14/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 472 - Appropriation for safe sidewalks

Opening Statement:

15:27:03 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 472, Appropriation for safe sidewalks.

Proponent Testimony:

15:32:24 Laurie Barron, Evergreen School District

15:34:29 Darla Harmon, Evergreen Community Partners

15:36:32 Charles Lapp, Evergreen Chamber of Commerce

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:41:03 Malcom Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:41:27 Rob Stapley, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee:

15:41:54 Rep. Dave Fern

15:42:43 Malcom Long, MDT

15:46:56 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:50:32 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

15:50:54 Rob Stapley, MDT

15:53:46 Rep. Tanner Smith

15:54:29 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

15:55:30 Rep. Frank Smith

15:57:26 Rep. Neil Duram

15:57:48 Charles Lapp, Evergreen Chamber of Commerce

16:19:23 Rep. Denley Loge

Closing Statement:

16:19:58 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 472.

HEARING ON HB 489 - Update name of Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council in transportation law

Opening Statement:

16:23:40 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 489, Update name of Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council in transportation law.

Proponent Testimony:

16:25:31 Misty Kohl, Governor's Director, Indian Affairs

16:26:31 Malcom Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

16:27:51 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 489.

16:28:36 Vice Chair Duram assumes the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 439 - Create a GVW fee for electric vehicles and hybrids being permanently registered

Opening Statement:

16:29:32 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 439, Create a GVW fee for electric vehicles and hybrids being permanently registered.

Proponent Testimony:

16:32:05 Duane Williams, Montana Truckers Association
16:32:59 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:34:09 Malcom Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
16:34:31 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
16:34:43 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
16:35:26 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Questions from Committee:

16:36:06 Rep. Bob Carter
16:36:43 Rep. Denley Loge-R
16:36:46 Rep. Neil Duram
16:37:01 Laurie Bakri, MVD

Closing Statement:

16:39:31 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 439.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:42:46

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230215TRHaad\)](#)