

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Denley Loge-R, on February 24, 2023 at 4:24 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. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 670 02/22/2023
HB 679 02/22/2023
HB 718 02/22/2023
HB 747 02/22/2023
HB 750 02/22/2023
HB 761 02/22/2023
HB 764 02/22/2023

Executive Action:

HB 622 DO PASS

HB 664 DO PASS
HB 679 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 747 DO PASS
HB 750 DO PASS
HB 761 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 764 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 670 POSTPONE ACTION
SB 144 TO TABLE

HEARING ON HB 761 - Prohibit airbag fraud

Opening Statement:

16:26:51 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 761, Prohibit airbag fraud.

Proponent Testimony:

16:28:06 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
16:32:05 Bruce Spencer, Progressive Insurance and American Property Casualty Insurance Association
16:32:41 Greg VanHorsen, State Farm Insurance
16:33:14 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association
16:33:31 Drew Geiger, Montana Collision Repair Association
16:34:03 Craig Orlan, American Honda

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:34:31 Rep. Bob Carter
16:36:03 Rep. Neil Duram
16:36:56 Rep. Dave Fern

Closing Statement:

16:44:01 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 761.

HEARING ON HB 750 - Revise process for replacing vehicle titles removed from department records

Opening Statement:

16:44:58 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 750, Revise process for replacing vehicle titles removed from department records.

Proponent Testimony:

16:50:31 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:51:38 Rep. Denley Loge

16:52:02 Rep. Neil Duram

16:53:51 Rep. Denise Baum

Closing Statement:

16:55:58 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD20, closed the hearing on HB 750.

HEARING ON HB 747 - Revise laws relating to disability parking

Opening Statement:

16:57:23 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 747, Revise laws relating to disability parking.

Proponent Testimony:

16:58:50 Joel Peden, Ability Montana

17:05:04 Thomas Jodain, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MTLCT)

17:07:04 Travis Hoffman, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:12:37 Rep. Neil Duram

17:12:44 Rep. Scot Kerns

Closing Statement:

17:15:58 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 747.

HEARING ON HB 670 - Notaries not required for vehicle transfers

Opening Statement:

17:17:52 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 670, Notaries not required for vehicle transfers.

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Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:20:37 Lauri Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

17:20:53 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality Waste Division (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

17:21:18 Rep. Bob Carter

17:22:39 Rep. Neil Duram

17:23:54 Rep. Denise Baum

17:26:53 Rep. Denley Loge

17:30:56 Rep. Scot Kerns

Closing Statement:

17:34:54 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 670.

HEARING ON HB 718 - Generally revise tow truck laws

Opening Statement:

17:37:07 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 718,
Generally revise tow truck laws.

Discussion:

17:37:09 Rep. Greg Oblander-R

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

17:41:31 Jim Dusenberry, Montana Tow Truck Association

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Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:46:25 Rep. Neil Duram

17:48:01 Sara Hess

17:48:11 Rep. Bob Carter

17:50:37 Rep. Frank Smith

17:54:05 Rep. Denise Baum

Closing Statement:

17:58:40 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, closed the hearing on HB 718.

HEARING ON HB 679 - Require certain vehicles to carry traction control devices

Opening Statement:

18:01:50 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 679, Require certain vehicles to carry traction control devices.

Proponent Testimony:

18:04:26 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

18:05:58 Jon Swartz, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee:

18:06:29 Rep. Bob Carter

18:09:25 Rep. Tanner Smith

18:10:17 Rep. Frank Smith

18:11:14 Rep. Dave Fern

Closing Statement:

18:12:57 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 679.

HEARING ON HB 764 - Revise certain license plate fees

Opening Statement:

18:15:03 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 764, Revise certain license plate fees.

Proponent Testimony:

18:16:09 Lauri Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

18:19:01 Brad Marten, Motor Carrier Services Division

Questions from Committee:

18:20:20 Rep. Julie Dooling

Closing Statement:

18:21:49 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 764.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 622 - Provide for non-resident titling

18:42:15 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 622 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 664 - Direct MVD to study driver's license renewal kiosks

18:44:09 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 664 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:46:01 Rep. Julie Dooling

18:46:01 Rep. Denise Baum

18:46:16 Rep. Denley Loge

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 679 - Require certain vehicles to carry traction control devices

18:49:03 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 679 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:51:10 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 679 BE AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18:52:33 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 679 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 747 - Revise laws relating to disability parking

18:54:17 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 747 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:54:47 Rep. Denley Loge

18:55:43 Rep. Frank Smith

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 750 - Revise process for replacing vehicle titles removed from department records

18:57:13 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 750 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 761 - Prohibit airbag fraud

18:59:14 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 761 DO PASS.**

18:59:18 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Carter moved that **HB 761 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

18:59:53 Rep. Tony Brockman

19:00:19 Rep. Bob Carter

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

19:02:29 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 761 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 764 - Revise certain license plate fees

19:04:01 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 764 DO PASS.**

19:04:36 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 764 BE AMENDED.**

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

19:06:55 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 764 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 670 - Notaries not required for vehicle transfers

19:08:56 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 670 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

19:09:25 Rep. Dave Fern

19:09:50 Rep. Denley Loge

19:10:00 Rep. Denise Baum

19:10:22 Rep. Julie Dooling

19:11:52 Rep. Bob Carter

19:14:07 Rep. Neil Duram

19:19:21 Rep. Frank Smith

19:20:01 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **HB 670 BE POSTPONED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 144 - Revise helmet requirement regarding completely enclosed autocycles

19:25:20 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **SB 144 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

19:26:12 Rep. Neil Duram

19:26:51 Rep. Bob Carter

19:26:52 Rep. Denise Baum

19:27:01 Sara Hess

19:25:20 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

19:30:24 **Motion:** Rep. Dave Fern moved that **SB 144 BE POSTPONED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 19:35:51

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230224TRHaad\)](#)