

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley Loge-R, on March 20, 2023 at 2:47 PM, in 455

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Denley Loge, Chair (R)  
Rep. Neil Duram, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Denise Baum (D)  
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Brad Barker (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (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:

SB 228 03/15/2023  
SB 255 03/15/2023  
SB 263 03/15/2023  
SB 288 03/15/2023  
SB 293 03/16/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 263 - Allow airport authorities to enter into certain contracts for 50 years**

**Opening Statement:**

14:48:22 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 263, Allow airport authorities to enter into certain contracts for 50 years.

**Discussion:**

14:48:26 Sen. Keith Regier-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

14:49:25 Tom Ebzery

14:52:47 Ian McKay

[EXHIBIT\(230320TRHa1\)](#)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

14:55:38 Tom Conway

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

14:56:12 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 263.

**Discussion:**

14:56:15 Sen. Keith Regier-R

**HEARING ON SB 288 - Eliminate sunset on junk vehicle statute**

**Opening Statement:**

14:57:07 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 288, Eliminate sunset on junk vehicle statute.

**Discussion:**

14:57:09 Sen. Mike Cuffe-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

14:58:42 Jennifer Hensley

[EXHIBIT\(230320TRHa2\)](#)

15:03:54 Jason Rittal

15:06:04 Beth Norberg

15:09:13 Shannon Therriatly

[EXHIBIT\(230320TRHa3\)](#)

15:13:36 Bob Gilbert

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:15:50 Rick Thompson

**Questions from Committee:**

15:16:16 Rep. Tanner Smith

15:17:26 Chair Denley Loge

15:17:54 Vice Chair Neil Duram

15:19:55 Rep. Bob Carter

15:21:29 Rep. Frank Smith

**Closing Statement:**

15:23:35 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 288.

**Discussion:**

15:23:39 Sen. Mike Cuffe-R

**HEARING ON SB 255 - Revising electric vehicle charging station laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:27:26 Sen. Christopher Pope (D), SD 65, opened the hearing on SB 255, Revising electric vehicle charging station laws.

**Discussion:**

15:27:29 Sen. Christopher Pope-D

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:34:05 Mckenna Sellers

15:35:33 Jesse Therien

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:36:28 Diego Rivas

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:39:32 Ben Brouwer

15:40:00 Will Rosequist

**Questions from Committee:**

15:40:29 Rep. Bob Carter

15:43:14 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

**Closing Statement:**

15:46:44 Sen. Christopher Pope (D), SD 65, closed the hearing on SB 255.

**Discussion:**

15:46:48 Sen. Christopher Pope-D

**HEARING ON SB 228 - Prohibit local governments from banning petroleum fuels**

**Opening Statement:**

15:50:10 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 228, Prohibit local governments from banning petroleum fuels.

**Discussion:**

15:50:12 Sen. Jason Small-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:51:48 Melissa Lewis

15:55:12 Brian Thompson

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15:56:20 Shelby Demars

15:57:10 Sam Sill

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:58:00 Thomas Jodoin

16:01:12 Anne Hedges

16:04:28 Amy Seamen

16:06:10 Catelyn Pischeria

16:08:52 Kirk Panasuk

16:11:04 Evora Glenn

16:12:54 Steve Krum

16:15:48 Amy Cilimburg

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:17:09 Rep. Edward Butcher

16:19:53 Vice Chair Neil Duram

16:23:03 Rep. Tanner Smith

16:25:00 Rep. Frank Smith

16:27:12 Rep. Bob Carter

**Closing Statement:**

16:28:25 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 228.

**Discussion:**

16:28:28 Sen. Jason Small-R

**HEARING ON SB 293 - Revise transportation laws related to invasive species**

**Opening Statement:**

16:30:15 Sen. Mark Noland (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 293, Revise transportation laws related to invasive species.

**Discussion:**

16:30:18 Sen. Mark Noland-R

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**Proponent Testimony:**

16:33:05 Clayton Elliot

16:37:17 Liz Lodman

16:38:57 Peter Dudley

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:39:47 Eric Roberts

**Questions from Committee:**

16:40:12 Rep. Tanner Smith

16:40:51 Rep. Bob Carter

16:41:31 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

16:41:43 Chair Denley Loge

**Closing Statement:**

16:42:07 Sen. Mark Noland (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 293.

**Discussion:**

16:42:10 Sen. Mark Noland-R

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:44:23

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230320TRHaad\)](#)