

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley Loge-R, on April 05, 2023 at 3:35 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. Edward Butcher (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (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:

SB 47 04/03/2023

Executive Action:

SB 228  
SB 421  
SB 487  
SB 47

**HEARING ON SB 47 - Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements**

**Opening Statement:**

15:37:19 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, opened the hearing on SB 47, Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements.

**Discussion:**

15:37:23 Sen. Theresa Manzella-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:41:27 Malcom Long  
15:43:09 Brad Marten  
15:50:50 Lynn Hellegaard  
15:51:51 Dave Gault  
15:52:54 Ryan Hall  
15:53:43 David Smith  
15:54:48 Jason Rittal  
15:55:41 Riley Honeycutt  
15:56:14 Jason Toddhunter  
15:58:13 Thomas Jodoin  
15:58:57 Nicole Rolf  
15:59:41 Jim Dosenberry  
16:00:29 Dwight Rose  
16:02:03 Aimee Grmoljez  
16:03:06 Darryl James

16:04:32 Duane Williams

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:06:36 Lauri Bakri

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:39:37 Vice Chair Fern takes over as Chair.

16:09:56 Rep. Tanner Smith

16:13:12 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

16:15:29 Rep. Denise Baum

16:16:54 Rep. Tanner Smith

16:17:33 Vice Chair Dave Fern

16:19:23 Rep. Frank Smith

16:20:09 Vice Chair Neil Duram

16:22:34 Rep. Tanner Smith

**Closing Statement:**

16:23:30 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, closed the hearing on SB 47.

**Discussion:**

16:23:33 Sen. Theresa Manzella-R

16:26:25 **Recessed**

16:27:50 **Reconvened**

16:35:19 **Recessed**

16:55:28 **Reconvened**

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

- 16:56:20        **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 228 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:56:20        **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Carter, Rep. Fern, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Smith, voting no.
- 16:56:20        **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Scot Kerns

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 421 - Generally revise vehicle salvage laws**

- 16:59:24        **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 421 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:59:42        **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 421 BE AMENDED.**
- 16:59:42        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 17:00:50        **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 421 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 17:00:50        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 17:00:50        **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 487 - Generally revise motor vehicle laws**

- 17:02:31        **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 487 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 17:02:31        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 17:02:31        **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47 - Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements**

- 17:10:50        **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 17:11:02        **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 47 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

- 17:12:02        Rep. Scot Kerns
- 17:13:22        Rep. Bob Carter
- 17:14:18        Rep. Brad Barker
- 17:15:01        Sara Hess
- 17:15:50        Rep. Bob Carter
- 17:17:33        Rep. Edward Butcher
- 17:11:02        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:18:36 **Motion:** Rep. Neil Duram moved that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

17:18:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:18:36 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Scot Kerns

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:23:25

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230405TRHaad\)](#)