

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

Call to Order: Chair Denley Loge-R, on April 12, 2023 at 4:05 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. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 15 04/12/2023
SB 521 04/11/2023

Executive Action:

SB 108
SB 521
HJ 15 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 521 - Generally revise right of way laws

Opening Statement:

16:07:00 Sen. Shelley Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 521, Generally revise right of way laws.

Discussion:

16:07:02 Sen. Shelley Vance-R

16:08:26 Rep. Julie Dooling joined the meeting.

16:09:00 Rep. Zack Wirth

Proponent Testimony:

16:09:20 Jessie Luther

16:12:31 Bridger Mahlum

16:13:43 Jeff Feiss

16:15:51 Dave Gault

16:16:24 Aimee Grmoljez

16:16:58 Margaret Morgan

16:17:29 Mark Baker

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:18:58 Jason Gilliam

Questions from Committee:

16:19:22 Rep. Tanner Smith

16:20:44 Vice Chair Dave Fern

16:20:50 Rep. Frank Smith joined the meeting.
16:22:06 Rep. Denise Baum joined the meeting.
16:22:22 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
16:23:22 Chair Denley Loge
16:23:54 Rep. Julie Dooling
16:24:31 Rep. Tanner Smith
16:25:13 Rep. Bob Carter
16:26:07 Chair Denley Loge

Closing Statement:

16:26:43 Sen. Shelley Vance (R), SD 34, closed the hearing on SB 521.

Discussion:

16:26:46 Sen. Shelley Vance-R

HEARING ON HJ 15 - Resolution requesting interim study on shared use paths

Opening Statement:

16:27:45 Vice Chair Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HJ 15, Resolution requesting interim study on shared use paths.

Discussion:

16:27:48 Rep. Dave Fern-D

Proponent Testimony:

16:31:08 Logan Smith
16:34:27 Bob Walker
16:38:28 John Juras
16:42:52 Jean Belangie-Nye
16:46:54 Kevin Belle

16:50:01 Morgan Tuss

16:51:41 Terry Spath

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:53:31 Carrol Strizitch

Questions from Committee:

16:54:01 Rep. Edward Butcher

16:59:04 Vice Chair Neil Duram

17:02:24 Chair Denley Loge

17:02:46 Rep. Frank Smith

17:04:19 Chair Denley Loge

17:05:28 Rep. Frank Smith

Closing Statement:

17:05:52 Vice Chair Dave Fern (D), HD 5, closed the hearing on HJ 15.

Discussion:

17:05:55 Rep. Dave Fern-D

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108 - Revise laws related to proof of vehicle insurance

17:08:59 **Motion:** Rep. Tanner Smith moved that **SB 108 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

17:08:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Butcher, Rep. Duram, Rep. Wirth, voting no.

17:22:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Neil Duram moved that **SB 108 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:23:02 Vice Chair Neil Duram

17:25:57 Rep. Tanner Smith

- 17:26:31 Chair Denley Loge
- 17:27:40 Rep. Julie Dooling
- 17:29:11 Rep. Edward Butcher
- 17:22:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Butcher, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Wirth, voting no.
Rep. Kerns, By Proxy
- 17:22:26 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 521 - Generally revise right of way laws

- 17:12:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Neil Duram moved that **SB 521 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 17:12:16 Vice Chair Dave Fern
- 17:12:42 Chair Denley Loge
- 17:13:07 Rep. Tanner Smith
- 17:13:26 Vice Chair Neil Duram
- 17:13:45 Chair Denley Loge
- 17:13:57 Rep. Julie Dooling
- 17:14:12 Rep. Brad Barker
- 17:12:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 17:12:03 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Denley Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 15 - Resolution requesting interim study on shared use paths

- 17:16:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Neil Duram moved that **HJ 15 DO PASS.**
- Discussion:**
- 17:16:24 Vice Chair Dave Fern
- 17:17:35 Rep. Bob Carter
- 17:19:20 Rep. Zack Wirth
- 17:20:19 Vice Chair Neil Duram
- 17:21:08 Rep. Frank Smith
- 17:16:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:34:23

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230412TRHaad\)](#)