

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Theresa Manzella-R, on January 17, 2023 at 2:59 PM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Theresa Manzella, Chair (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Chase Campbell, Attorney
Joe Carroll, Attorney

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 137 01/12/2023

SB 144 01/10/2023

Executive Action:

SB 33 DO PASS

Discussion of MDT tour on Tuesday January 24, 2023.

Discussion:

15:02:27 Malcolm Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:02:38 Sen. Barry Usher
15:02:43 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:03:06 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:03:17 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:03:26 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:04:15 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:05:01 Sen. Jen Gross
15:05:14 Joe Carroll

Discussion of upcoming schedule and events

Discussion:

16:08:30 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:09:13 Joe Carroll
16:09:52 Sen. Theresa Manzella
16:10:20 Sen. Andrea Olsen
16:10:40 Sen. Theresa Manzella
16:10:50 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:11:20 Sen. Becky Beard

HEARING ON SB 137 - Revise bike safety laws

Opening Statement:

15:06:05 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 137, Revise bike safety laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:08:19 Linda Gryczan, self
15:10:44 John Iverson, American Automobile Association (AAA)

15:11:12 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation and Parks Association

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Opponent Testimony:

15:13:37 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)

15:14:46 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:17:13 Sen. Becky Beard

15:20:25 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:20:51 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:21:39 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:22:30 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:25:54 Duane Williams, MTA

15:26:16 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:26:48 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:27:09 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:28:02 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation and Parks Association

15:29:55 Sen. Barry Usher

15:33:37 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:34:45 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:36:14 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:36:50 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:37:51 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:38:03 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:38:49 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:39:06 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:39:39 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:40:44 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:41:32 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:42:00 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

15:42:32 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:44:19 Duane Williams, MTA

Closing Statement:

15:44:46 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 137.

**HEARING ON SB 144 - Revise helmet requirement regarding completely enclosed
autocycles**

Opening Statement:

15:45:11 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 144,
Revise helmet requirement regarding completely enclosed autocycles.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

15:47:59 Jonathan Posey, Aptera Motors

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:50:14 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
15:50:21 Jonathan Posey, Aptera Motors
15:51:03 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:51:38 Jonathan Posey, Aptera Motors
15:52:32 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:53:08 Jonathan Posey, Aptera Motors
15:53:34 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:53:47 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel-R
15:54:07 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:54:28 Jonathan Posey, Aptera Motors
15:55:04 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:55:09 Sen. Jen Gross left the meeting.
15:55:19 Jonathan Posey, Aptera Motors
15:55:35 Sen. Barry Usher
15:56:32 Sen. Andrea Olsen
15:56:40 Sen. Barry Usher

Closing Statement:

15:56:52 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, closed the hearing on SB 144.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 33 - Repealing class C motor carrier regulations

- 16:00:18 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 33 DO PASS.**
- 16:00:32 **Motion:** Sen. Andrea Olsen moved that **SB 33 BE AMENDED.**
- 16:00:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Olsen, voting yes.
Sen. Gross, By Proxy

Discussion:

- 16:00:49 Sen. Andrea Olsen
- 16:01:42 Sen. Carl Glimm
- 16:01:58 Sen. Andrea Olsen
- 16:03:24 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
- 16:04:26 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
- 16:05:00 Joe Carroll
- 16:05:11 Sen. Barry Usher
- 16:06:38 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 33 DO PASS.**
- 16:06:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Olsen, voting no.

Discussion:

- 16:08:00 Discussion of upcoming schedule and events|

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:12:08

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents:[EXHIBIT\(230117HISaad\)](#)