

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Theresa Manzella-R, on January 26, 2023 at 3:07 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. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Becky Beard (R)  
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Staff Present:** Trudy Burke, Secretary  
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:

HB 26 01/23/2023

HB 27 01/23/2023

Executive Action:

SB 57 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 137 TO TABLE

**HEARING ON HB 26 - Generally revise highway use laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:08:22 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 26, Generally revise highway use laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:09:07 Sen. Glimm has left

15:11:23 Malcolm Long, Montanan Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:12:06 Brad Marten, Motor Carrier Services, Montana Department of Transportation (MCS, MDT)

15:16:00 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

15:18:29 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)

15:19:21 Jason Todhunter, Montana Loggers Association (MLA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:21:37 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:25:08 Malcolm Long, MDT

15:26:10 Sen. Barry Usher

15:26:27 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:27:09 Malcolm Long, MDT

15:28:48 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:31:35 Brad Marten, MCS, MDT

15:32:08 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell joined the meeting.

15:32:20 Sen. Barry Usher

15:32:52 Malcolm Long, MDT

**Closing Statement:**

15:33:42 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, closed the hearing on HB 26.

**HEARING ON HB 27 - Providing notice of nonstandard penalties for certain traffic violations**

**Opening Statement:**

15:34:24 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 27, Providing notice of nonstandard penalties for certain traffic violations.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:36:21 Malcolm Long, Montana Department of Transportation

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:38:03 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:38:32 Sen. Becky Beard joined the meeting.

15:39:01 Rep. Neil Duram-R

15:39:35 Joe Carroll

15:39:55 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:40:34 Rep. Neil Duram-R

15:41:26 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:41:53 Joe Carroll

15:44:25 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:45:20 Joe Carroll

15:45:52 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

**Closing Statement:**

15:46:25 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, closed the hearing on HB 27.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 57 - Allow department of transportation to use alternative project delivery methods**

15:47:41 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 57 DO PASS.**

15:49:50 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 57 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:50:20 Joe Carroll

15:49:50 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:51:21 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 57 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:51:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 137 - Revise bike safety laws**

15:52:31 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 137 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:53:23 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:53:30 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:53:58 Sen. Barry Usher

15:56:07 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:56:44 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:59:22 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:52:31 **Vote:** Motion failed 7 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Olsen, voting yes.  
Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

16:10:59 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 137 TO TABLE.**

16:10:59 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 7 - 5 by voice vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Olsen, voting no.  
Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:03:04

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Trudy Burke, Secretary

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