

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Theresa Manzella-R, on February 21, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Theresa Manzella, Chair (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (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:

SB 342 02/17/2023

SB 344 02/17/2023

Executive Action:

SB 344 DO PASS

SB 342 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 342 - Revise bicycle law

Opening Statement:

15:03:05 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 342, Revise bicycle law.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230221HISa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:08:02 Cole Mannix, self

15:09:45 Noah Marion, Wild Montana

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:11:37 Sen. Jen Gross

15:13:07 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

15:14:29 Sen. Jen Gross

15:14:34 Noah Marion, Wild Montana

15:15:13 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:17:05 Noah Marion, Wild Montana

15:17:54 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:18:01 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

15:18:20 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:20:36 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

15:20:50 Sen. Jeremy Trebas

15:21:32 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
15:21:59 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:22:22 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
15:23:05 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:23:37 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Closing Statement:

15:24:33 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 342.

HEARING ON SB 344 - Revise license plate laws

Opening Statement:

15:25:22 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 344, Revise license plate laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:26:19 Nannette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
15:27:33 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
15:28:24 Josh Jonas, Rosebud County

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:30:11 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
15:30:35 Sen. Barry Usher-R
15:30:46 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:32:51 Sen. Barry Usher-R
15:33:08 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:33:39 Sen. Barry Usher-R
15:36:01 Nannette Gilbertson, MSPOA
15:36:40 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:37:23 Dan Smith, MPPA

Closing Statement:

15:38:25 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 344.
15:40:41 Recessed
15:46:59 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 344 - Revise license plate laws

15:47:08 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **SB 344 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:47:27 Sen. Jen Gross
15:47:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 342 - Revise bicycle law

15:49:02 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 342 DO PASS.**
15:49:41 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 342 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:49:55 Joe Carroll
15:50:20 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:49:41 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:51:01 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 342 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:51:26 Sen. Jen Gross
15:52:18 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:52:34 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:53:24 Sen. Barry Usher

15:51:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:55:46

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230221HISaad\)](#)