

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Theresa Manzella-R, on March 14, 2023 at 3:00 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. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Sen. Barry Usher (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)

**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 105 03/10/2023

HB 179 03/10/2023

HB 401 03/10/2023

Executive Action:

15:02:37 Sen. Gross has arrived

**HEARING ON HB 105 - Revise railroad protective device funding**

**Opening Statement:**

15:01:17 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 105, Revise railroad protective device funding.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:01:52 Nicole Pallister, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:04:41 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

15:05:38 Nicole Pallister, MDT

15:06:48 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:07:52 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:09:28 Larry Flynn, MDT

15:09:47 Sen. Barry Usher

15:09:59 Nicole Pallister, MDT

**Closing Statement:**

15:10:28 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, closed the hearing on HB 105.

**HEARING ON HB 179 - Revise careless driving laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:11:03 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 179, Revise careless driving laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:16:14	Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
15:19:11	Rep. Neil Duram-R
15:20:12	Sen. Barry Usher
15:20:41	Rep. Neil Duram-R
15:21:10	Chair Theresa Manzella
15:21:19	Joe Carroll
15:21:28	Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
15:21:50	Rep. Neil Duram-R
15:22:38	Sen. Forrest Mandeville
15:25:11	Rep. Neil Duram-R
15:25:58	Sen. Barry Usher
15:26:28	Rep. Neil Duram-R
15:27:04	Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
15:27:23	Rep. Neil Duram-R
15:28:19	Sen. Becky Beard
15:30:34	Rep. Neil Duram-R
15:30:46	Sen. Carl Glimm
15:30:57	Rep. Neil Duram-R

15:32:07 Chair Theresa Manzella  
15:33:24 Rep. Neil Duram-R  
15:33:46 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen  
15:34:19 Rep. Neil Duram-R  
15:35:33 Chair Theresa Manzella  
15:35:52 Rep. Neil Duram-R  
15:37:02 Vice Chair Chris Friedel  
15:37:21 Rep. Neil Duram-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:37:50 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, closed the hearing on HB 179.

**HEARING ON HB 401 - Revise trash tie down laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:38:57 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 401, Revise trash tie down laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:43:06 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:43:45 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen  
15:46:42 Rep. Dave Fern-D  
15:48:22 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen  
15:50:23 Rick Thompson, DEQ

15:50:50 Vice Chair Chris Friedel  
15:51:18 Rick Thompson, DEQ  
15:52:14 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
15:53:37 Rep. Dave Fern-D  
15:55:59 Chair Theresa Manzella  
15:56:48 Rep. Dave Fern-D  
15:57:57 Sen. Jen Gross  
15:58:24 Rep. Dave Fern-D  
15:59:31 Joe Carroll  
16:00:56 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen  
16:02:47 Rep. Dave Fern-D  
16:03:26 Sen. Carl Glimm  
16:04:29 Rep. Dave Fern-D

**Closing Statement:**

16:05:38 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 401.

16:07:08 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion on HB 26 and HB 27

16:07:33 Joe Carroll

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:08:42

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Trudy Burke, Secretary

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