

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

Call to Order: Chair Theresa Manzella-R, on March 16, 2023 at 3:01 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. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (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 75 03/10/2023
HB 129 03/10/2023
HB 184 03/10/2023

Executive Action:

HB 26
HB 27
HB 105
HB 179 TO TABLE
HB 401
HB 75
HB 129

15:27:57 Sen. Mandeville has arrived

HEARING ON HB 129 - Revise fees for special mobile equipment

Opening Statement:

15:02:54 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 129, Revise fees for special mobile equipment.

Proponent Testimony:

15:06:00 Kory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

15:10:55 Brad Marten, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:13:47 Jill Gallagher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

15:14:25 Liz Franz, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

15:15:16 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:15:36 Kory Hofland, DOR

15:16:20 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:17:57 Brad Marten, MDT

15:19:29 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

15:21:13 Kory Hofland, DOR

15:22:39 Sen. Barry Usher

15:23:58 Kory Hofland, DOR

15:24:15 Sen. Barry Usher

15:24:19 Brad Marten, MDT

15:24:39 Sen. Barry Usher
15:24:58 Rep. Tom Welch-R
15:25:31 Chair Theresa Manzella
15:25:33 Joe Carroll
15:26:10 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
15:28:33 Kory Hofland, DOR
15:28:49 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
15:30:56 Jill Gallagher, DOR
15:32:14 Liz Franz, DOR
15:33:04 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:35:10 Kory Hofland, DOR
15:35:44 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:40:12 Jill Gallagher, DOR
15:40:27 Sen. Barry Usher
15:41:22 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
15:42:10 Chair Theresa Manzella
15:42:25 Sponsor
15:43:19 Chair Theresa Manzella
15:44:48 Sponsor
15:45:04 Sen. Becky Beard
15:45:26 Sponsor

Closing Statement:

15:46:11 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 129.

HEARING ON HB 75 - Revise reporting requirements for fuel tax refunds

Opening Statement:

15:49:33 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 75, Revise reporting requirements for fuel tax refunds.

Proponent Testimony:

15:50:42 Kendra Smith, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:54:04 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, closed the hearing on HB 75.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 26 - Generally revise highway use laws

15:58:21 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 26 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:58:24 Joe Carroll

15:58:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Usher, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

15:58:21 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jeremy Trebas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 27 - Providing notice of nonstandard penalties for certain traffic violations

16:00:49 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 27 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:00:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Usher, voting no.

16:00:49 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 105 - Revise railroad protective device funding

- 16:02:35 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 105 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:02:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:02:35 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Andrea Olsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179 - Revise careless driving laws

- 16:03:52 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 179 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 16:04:19 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:04:49 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
- 16:05:41 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:06:13 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
- 16:06:47 Sen. Barry Usher
- 16:07:03 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **HB 179 TO TABLE.**
- 16:07:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Trebas, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 401 - Revise trash tie down laws

- 16:08:27 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 401 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 16:09:03 Chair Theresa Manzella
- 16:08:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Trebas, Sen. Usher, voting no.
- 16:08:27 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Chris Friedel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 75 - Revise reporting requirements for fuel tax refunds

- 16:10:19 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 75 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:10:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:10:19 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Barry Usher

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 129 - Revise fees for special mobile equipment

16:27:22 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 129 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:27:35 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:28:08 Chair Theresa Manzella

16:28:21 Sen. Jen Gross

16:28:45 Vice Chair Chris Friedel

16:27:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Friedel, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Usher, voting no.

16:27:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shelley Vance

HEARING ON HB 184 - Revising mandatory motor vehicle insurance laws relating certain vehicles

Opening Statement:

16:34:54 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 184, Revising mandatory motor vehicle insurance laws relating certain vehicles.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:12:19 Discussion on HB 129

16:30:59 Discussion regarding scheduling issues

16:37:44 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:38:07 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

16:38:28 Chair Theresa Manzella

16:38:47 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

16:40:37 Sen. Carl Glimm
16:42:46 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
16:43:24 Chair Theresa Manzella
16:43:32 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

Closing Statement:

16:44:51 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 184.

16:47:48 **Committee Discussion:** Study resolution from Sen. Olsen

16:48:14 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

16:48:24 Chair Theresa Manzella

16:48:35 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

16:48:57 Vice Chair Chris Friedel

16:49:16 Chair Theresa Manzella

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:49:40

Trudy Burke, Secretary

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