

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

Call to Order: Chair Theresa Manzella-R, on March 30, 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 470 03/24/2023
HB 491 03/24/2023
HB 519 03/24/2023
HB 664 03/24/2023
HB 747 03/24/2023

Executive Action:

SB 521 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 764 CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 622 CONCURRED IN
HB 664 CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 491 - Provide for Highway Patrol meritorious service recognition

Opening Statement:

15:02:50 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 491, Provide for Highway Patrol meritorious service recognition.

Discussion:

15:03:55 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.

15:04:02 Sen. Jeremy Trebas left the meeting.

15:04:10 Sen. Carl Glimm left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:06:41 Col. Steve Lavin, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

15:08:24 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:09:43 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:10:54 Joe Carroll

15:11:20 Sen. Barry Usher

15:12:18 Col. Steve Lavin, MHP

15:12:59 Vice Chair Chris Friedel

15:14:04 Col. Steve Lavin, MHP

15:14:42 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

15:14:47 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:15:13 Col. Steve Lavin, MHP

15:15:29 Chair Theresa Manzella
15:16:56 Col. Steve Lavin, MHP
15:17:42 Vice Chair Chris Friedel
15:18:02 Col. Steve Lavin, MHP

Closing Statement:

15:18:24 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, closed the hearing on HB 491.

HEARING ON HB 747 - Revise laws relating to disability parking

Opening Statement:

15:20:06 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 747, Revise laws relating to disability parking.

Proponent Testimony:

15:22:00 Joel Peden, Summit Independent Living Center and Ability Montana
15:22:54 Sen. Carl Glimm joined the meeting.
15:26:51 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
15:29:14 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:32:39 Vice Chair Chris Friedel
15:33:15 Thomas Jodoin, MLCT
15:34:56 Sen. Carl Glimm
15:35:10 Sen. Barry Usher left the meeting.
15:35:21 Thomas Jodoin, MLCT

15:35:37 Joel Peden, Summit Independent Living Center
15:37:11 Sen. Carl Glimm
15:37:27 Vice Chair Chris Friedel
15:37:59 Chair Theresa Manzella
15:42:09 Thomas Jodoin, MLCT

Closing Statement:

15:43:00 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 747.

HEARING ON HB 664 - Direct MVD to study driver's license renewal kiosks

Opening Statement:

15:44:29 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 664, Direct MVD to study driver's license renewal kiosks.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:47:35 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

15:48:29 Vice Chair Chris Friedel
15:48:37 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
15:48:57 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:49:35 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
15:49:55 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
15:51:00 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
15:51:11 Sen. Barry Usher joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

15:51:50 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, closed the hearing on HB 664.

HEARING ON HB 519 - Authorize digital drivers licenses through a mobile application

Opening Statement:

15:54:10 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 519, Authorize digital drivers licenses through a mobile application.

Proponent Testimony:

15:55:49 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division- Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:57:44 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:58:03 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
15:59:05 Vice Chair Chris Friedel
16:02:33 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
16:02:53 Chair Theresa Manzella
16:02:56 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
16:03:12 Sen. Carl Glimm
16:04:59 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
16:05:10 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
16:05:53 Chair Theresa Manzella
16:06:18 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
16:07:09 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

16:08:58 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
16:09:38 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
16:10:14 Laurie Bakri, DOJ
16:10:33 Vice Chair Chris Friedel
16:11:08 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
16:12:10 Vice Chair Chris Friedel left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

16:12:14 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, closed the hearing on HB 519.

HEARING ON HB 470 - Revise yield -- slow down -- move over laws

Opening Statement:

16:12:54 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 470, Revise yield -- slow down -- move over laws.

Discussion:

16:13:19 Sen. Jeremy Trebas joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

16:17:41 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers
16:19:56 Nannette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
16:20:39 Jim Dusenberry, Montana Tow Truck Association
16:22:49 Duane Williams, Montana Truckers Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:24:04 Jon Swartz, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee:

16:24:40 Sen. Carl Glimm

16:25:09 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers
16:25:50 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
16:26:10 Vice Chair Chris Friedel joined the meeting.
16:27:23 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R
16:28:05 Jim Dusenberry, Montana Tow Truck Association
16:28:45 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen
16:29:51 Jon Swartz, MDT
16:31:39 Chair Theresa Manzella
16:33:47 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R

Closing Statement:

16:34:28 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 470.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 521 - Generally revise right of way laws

16:35:48 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SB 521 DO PASS.**

16:37:23 **Motion:** Sen. Shelley Vance moved that **SB 521 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:37:57 Joe Carroll

16:39:19 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:37:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16:41:26 **Motion:** Sen. Shelley Vance moved that **SB 521 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:41:54 Sen. Barry Usher

16:42:33 Sen. Becky Beard

16:42:47 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:43:23 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:43:47 Chair Theresa Manzella

16:44:46 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:45:09 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:45:54 Chair Theresa Manzella

16:45:55 Joe Carroll

16:45:58 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

16:47:51 Joe Carroll

16:49:41 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power

16:51:40 Sen. Carl Glimm

16:52:14 Sen. Becky Beard

16:52:30 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

16:52:41 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power

16:53:23 Sen. Becky Beard

16:53:39 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power

16:54:01 Sen. Barry Usher

16:54:12 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power

16:54:33 Sen. Barry Usher

16:55:10 Sen. Carl Glimm

16:55:20 Sen. Barry Usher

16:55:54 Sen. Carl Glimm

16:56:20 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:56:53 Chair Theresa Manzella

16:57:10 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power

16:58:36 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:59:34 Joe Carroll

16:59:45 Sen. Carl Glimm

17:00:34 Joe Carroll

17:00:53 Sen. Carl Glimm

17:01:36 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

16:41:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Dunwell, Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Usher, voting no. Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 764 - Revise certain license plate fees

17:04:47 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 764 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:05:30 Joe Carroll

17:07:05 **Motion:** Sen. Andrea Olsen moved that **HB 764 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:07:27 Chair Theresa Manzella

17:07:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:07:56 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 764 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

17:07:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Mandeville, voting no.

17:07:56 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shelley Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 622 - Provide for non-resident titling

17:09:56 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 622 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:10:34 Joe Carroll

17:10:35 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

17:09:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:09:56 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Barry Usher

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 664 - Direct MVD to study driver's license renewal kiosks

17:13:46 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 664 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:14:03 Sen. Becky Beard

17:14:27 Vice Chair Chris Friedel

17:14:40 Sen. Carl Glimm left the meeting.

17:15:12 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

17:15:19 Sen. Barry Usher

17:13:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Beard, Sen. Friedel, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Vance, voting no.
Sen. Glimm, By Proxy

17:13:46 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jeremy Trebas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:16:55

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230330HISaad\)](#)