

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

Call to Order: Chair Theresa Manzella-R, on April 13, 2023 at 4:01 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. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
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 902 04/06/2023

HB 904 04/06/2023

Executive Action:

HB 902 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 747 TO TAKE FROM THE
TABLE

16:01:54 Sen. Beard has left

16:02:05 Chair Manzella has left

HEARING ON HB 904 - Generally revise commercial driver's license laws

Opening Statement:

16:03:28 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 904, Generally revise commercial driver's license laws.

Proponent Testimony:

16:05:13 Director Malcolm Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

16:05:46 Brad Marten, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

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16:10:35 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

16:11:42 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)

16:13:07 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Electric Co-op Association (MECA)

16:13:59 Aimee Grmoljez, MD Resources, Ash Grove Cement and Helena Sand and Gravel

16:14:28 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

16:15:20 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

16:16:28 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, closed the hearing on HB 904.

16:18:57 Chair Manzella has arrived

HEARING ON HB 902 - Generally revise driving laws

Opening Statement:

16:18:04 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 902, Generally revise driving laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:22:58 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

16:23:50 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

16:23:55 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

16:24:45 Laurie Bakri, DOJ

16:25:06 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:25:36 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R

16:26:09 Sen. Barry Usher

16:26:51 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R

Closing Statement:

16:27:30 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 902.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 902 - Generally revise driving laws

16:29:43 **Motion:** Chair Theresa Manzella moved that **HB 902 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:30:14 Vice Chair Chris Friedel

16:30:15 Joe Carroll

16:29:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Trebas, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 747 - Revise laws relating to disability parking

16:31:46 **Motion:** Sen. Jeremy Trebas moved that **HB 747 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

Discussion:

16:31:48 Sen. Barry Usher

16:31:57 Vice Chair Andrea Olsen

16:33:07 Vice Chair Chris Friedel

16:35:05 **Motion/Vote:** Senator Usher moved to adjourn. Motion failed 4 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Manzella, Sen. Usher, voting yes. Sen. Mandeville, By Proxy

16:36:24 Sen. Usher has left

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:37:03

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230413HISaad\)](#)