

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

Call to Order: Chair Theresa Manzella-R, on April 25, 2023 at 3:05 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. 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. Shelley Vance (R)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Joe Carroll, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SR 74 04/20/2023

Executive Action:

SR 74 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
AS AMENDED
SJ 22 TO TABLE

HEARING ON SR 74 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of aeronautics

Opening Statement:

15:06:46 Chair Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, opened the hearing on SR 74, Confirm governor's appointees for board of aeronautics.

Proponent Testimony:

15:07:48 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

15:09:30 Robert (Robb) Bergeson, self

15:11:11 William (Bill) Lepper, self

15:14:00 Matt Prinkki, self

15:15:07 Tom Schoenleben, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:18:32 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:18:55 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

15:19:24 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:19:36 Bill Lepper

15:20:30 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:20:48 Robb Bergeson

15:22:03 Sen. Barry Usher

15:22:38 Robb Bergeson

15:24:09 Sen. Barry Usher
15:24:19 Robb Bergeson
15:24:29 Bill Lepper
15:24:55 Sen. Barry Usher
15:25:43 Bill Lepper
15:26:01 Vice Chair Chris Friedel
15:26:25 Tom Schoenleben

Closing Statement:

15:27:51 Chair Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, closed the hearing on SR 74.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 74 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of aeronautics

15:29:18 **Motion:** Vice Chair Chris Friedel moved that **SR 74 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

15:29:24 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:29:25 Joe Carroll

15:30:05 **Motion:** Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell moved that **SR 74 BE AMENDED.**

15:30:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:30:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Chris Friedel moved that **SR 74 RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:30:57 Sen. Jen Gross

15:31:14 Sen. Barry Usher

15:30:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 22 - Joint resolution to study public transportation

15:33:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Andrea Olsen moved that **SJ 22 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

Discussion:

15:33:52 Sen. Jen Gross

15:33:53 Sen. Barry Usher

15:35:26 Sen. Jen Gross

15:35:49 Sen. Barry Usher

15:33:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Beard, Sen. Manzella, Sen. Usher, Sen. Vance, voting no.

15:36:09 **Motion:** Sen. Jen Gross moved that **SJ 22 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

15:36:09 **Vote:** Motion tied 6 - 6 roll call vote

15:37:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Chris Friedel moved that **SJ 22 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

15:38:31 Sen. Barry Usher

15:37:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:39:03

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230425HISaad\)](#)