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TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE
69th Montana Legislature

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Mike Fox	Denise Baum	Maddelyn Black - Secretary
Theresa Manzella	Neil Duram	Katy Callon - Research Analyst
Barry Usher	Denley Loge	Joseph Carroll - Attorney
Shelley Vance	Zack Wirth	

MINUTES LOG

September 04, 2024
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Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:
Sen. Theresa Manzella, Presiding Officer (R)
Rep. Denise Baum, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

STAFF PRESENT:
Maddelyn Black, Secretary
Katy Callon, Research Analyst
Joseph Carroll, Attorney

AGENDA (Attachment 1)

VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 2)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:30:40 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

MEETING OVERVIEW

08:32:33 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT 1

DOJ MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION UPDATE

08:35:40 Laurie Bakri, Division Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

EXHIBIT 2

EXHIBIT 3

EXHIBIT 4

08:43:29 Sen. Barry Usher joined the meeting.

Committee Questions & Discussion

08:49:43 Rep. Denley Loge

08:49:54 Laurie Bakri, MVD

Public Comment

08:50:11 None

Committee Questions & Discussion

08:50:15 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

08:50:33 Laurie Bakri

08:50:48 Sen. Barry Usher

MDT UPDATES

08:51:08 Chris Dorrington, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

DOJ MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION UPDATE CONT

08:51:40 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

08:51:39 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD

08:52:23 Sen. Barry Usher

08:53:10 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

08:53:24 Sen. Shelley Vance

08:53:57 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

08:54:05 Rep. Denley Loge

08:54:32 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

08:54:37 Katy Callon, LSD

08:54:50 Joe Carroll, Attorney, LSD

08:55:40 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

MDT UPDATES CONT

08:56:16 Director Chris Dorrington, DOT

08:59:00 Sen. Mike Fox joined the meeting via Zoom.

Public Comment

09:03:28 None

Committee Questions & Discussion

09:03:39 Rep. Denley Loge

09:04:10 Director Chris Dorrington

09:07:34 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

09:07:48 Director Chris Dorrington

09:08:47 Rep. Denley Loge

09:09:03 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractor's Association (MCA)

09:11:10 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

09:11:20 Sen. Barry Usher

09:11:28 David Smith

09:15:50 Sen. Barry Usher

09:15:57 Director Chris Dorrington

09:17:55 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

MDT REPORTS

09:18:34 Nicole Pallister, Administration Division Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Committee Questions & Discussion

09:19:57 Sen. Barry Usher

09:20:31 Nicole Pallister, MDT

09:20:49 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

09:21:25 Rep. Denley Loge

09:21:40 Nicole Pallister

09:21:58 Sen. Barry Usher

09:22:21 Nicole Pallister

MDT REPORTS CONT

09:22:49 Tim Conway, Aeronautics Division, MDT

09:23:04 Rep. Denley Loge

09:23:38 Tim Conway, MDT

09:25:19 Sen. Barry Usher

09:25:43 Tim Conway

REVIEW UPDATED DRAFT OF TIC INTERIM SUMMARY REPORT

09:28:52 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD

EXHIBIT 5

Committee Questions & Discussion

09:33:20 Sen. Barry Usher

09:34:45 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

09:34:55 Rep. Denley Loge

Motion

09:36:52 Sen. Barry Usher motioned to draft a letter to go to the US Congress, including delegation and 50 state legislative bodies, that the committee believes there is some disparity in who can haul what. Sen. Barry Usher wants to make it plain and clear that is one has a pickup truck with a reasonable trailer one doesn't have to stop at the scales.

09:37:43 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

Discussion on the Motion

09:38:06 Rep. Neil Duram

09:38:26 Rep. Denley Loge

Vote

09:39:25 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Questions & Discussion

09:39:40 Joe Carroll, Attorney, LSD

09:40:17 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

09:40:46 Sen. Barry Usher

HB 747 (2023): REVISE LAWS RELATING TO DISABILITY PARKING - OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE PROVISIONAL DRAFT PD3TH)

09:41:52 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD

EXHIBIT 6

Committee Questions & Discussion

09:45:53 Rep. Denley Loge

09:46:27 Joseph Carroll, Attorney, LSD

09:46:41 Sen. Barry Usher

(See Exhibit 6)

09:48:49 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

09:49:20 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

09:51:06 Sen. Barry Usher

09:52:07 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

09:52:35 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
09:52:58 Sen. Shelley Vance
(See Exhibit 6)
09:54:19 Sen. Barry Usher
09:54:45 Rep. Neil Duram
09:56:06 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
09:56:39 Neil Duram
(See Exhibit 6)
09:57:26 Sen. Barry Usher
09:57:51 Katy Callon, LSD

Motion

09:58:12 Sen. Barry Usher moved for the committee to provide a letter to the Local Government Interim Committee regarding the accessible parking that the committee does not see the necessity for this draft. The committee sees this issue as one that should fall to local control.

Discussion on the Motion

09:58:34 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
09:58:44 Rep. Neil Duram
09:59:26 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
09:59:32 Sen. Barry Usher
09:59:52 Rep. Neil Duram
10:01:09 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
10:01:46 Sen. Barry Usher
10:02:03 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
10:02:32 Rep. Denley Loge
10:03:34 Sen. Barry Usher
10:05:18 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
10:06:27 Sen. Barry Usher
10:06:40 Director Chris Dorrington
10:07:39 Rep. Neil Duram
10:07:45 Director Chris Dorrington
10:08:21 Katy Callon
10:08:31 Maddelyn Black, Secretary, LSD
10:09:01 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
10:09:27 Sen. Barry Usher

Vote

10:09:46 Carried by voice vote, 7-1, with Vice Presiding Officer Baum voting ‘no’.

AUTONOMOUS TRUCK PLATOONING

10:10:28 Mike Metzger, Vice President of Agriculture & Research, Minn-Dak Farmers' Cooperative

EXHIBIT 7

10:31:55 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

10:32:07 Mike Metzger, Minn-Dak Farmers' Cooperative

Committee Questions & Discussion

10:33:46 Rep. Denley Loge

10:34:05 Mike Metzger

10:37:03 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

10:37:07 Mike Metzger

10:37:20 Sen. Barry Usher

10:37:37 Mike Metzger

10:37:58 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

10:38:55 Mike Metzger

10:41:25 Rep. Denley Loge

10:41:51 Mike Metzger

10:42:09 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

10:42:37 Mike Metzger

10:43:23 Rep. Neil Duram

10:43:39 Mike Metzger

10:44:21 Rep. Zack Wirth

10:44:51 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

10:45:10 Mike Metzger

10:45:28 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

10:46:02 Mike Metzger

10:47:36 Rep. Denley Loge

10:48:28 Mike Metzger

10:48:54 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

10:49:03 Mike Metzger

10:49:35 Rep. Neil Duram

10:50:03 Mike Metzger

10:50:42 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

10:50:59 Mike Metzger

10:51:32 **Recessed**

11:14:04 **Reconvened**

LEGISLATION: TITLE 60 AND 61 "CLEAN UP" LEGISLATION

11:14:24 Joseph Carroll, Attorney, LSD

EXHIBIT 8

EXHIBIT 9
EXHIBIT 10

Committee Questions & Discussion

11:22:05 Rep. Neil Duram
11:22:42 Joseph Carroll, LSD
(See Exhibit 10)
11:26:29 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
11:26:51 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
11:27:30 Rep. Denley Loge
11:28:11 Rep. Neil Duram
11:28:40 Joseph Carroll
(See Exhibit 9)
11:29:15 Sen. Barry Usher left the meeting.
11:31:04 Sen. Shelley Vance
11:31:34 Joseph Carroll
11:32:54 Rep. Zack Wirth

Public Comment

11:33:42 Dwayne Kailey
11:34:57 Joseph Carroll
11:35:51 Rep. Denley Loge
11:36:28 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

Motion

11:36:52 Rep. Neil Duram moved to forward PD0060, PD0061, PD0062 as committee bills.
11:37:25 Rep. Denley Loge seconds the motion.

Vote

11:37:30 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

LEGISLATION: ESTABLISH LAWS FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND TRUCK PLATOONING REGULATION

11:38:18 Joseph Carroll, Attorney, LSD
EXHIBIT 11
EXHIBIT 12

Committee Questions & Discussion

11:48:57 Rep. Denley Loge
11:49:53 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
11:50:12 Joseph Carroll, LSD
11:51:34 Rep. Neil Duram

11:52:21 Joseph Carroll
11:55:08 Sen. Shelley Vance
11:55:50 Joseph Carroll
11:56:32 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

Public Comment
11:56:40 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
11:58:27 Sheridan Hoyer, Montana Chamber of Commerce
11:59:21 Charles Denowh, Tesla Motors
12:00:19 Josh Fisher, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
12:01:19 Sen. Barry Usher joined the meeting on Zoom.
12:04:19 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
12:04:35 Rep. Loge

Committee Questions & Discussion
12:05:18 Rep. Neil Duram
12:05:47 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
12:06:46 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

LEGISLATION: ESTABLISH LAWS FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND TRUCK PLATOONING REGULATION CONT
12:08:04 Joseph Carroll
(See Exhibit 12)

Committee Questions & Discussion
12:12:10 Rep. Denley Loge
12:13:05 Rep. Neil Duram
12:13:56 Rep. Denley Loge
12:14:45 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
12:15:29 Director Chris Dorrington, DOT
12:17:19 Rep. Denley Loge

Public Comment
12:18:14 None

Committee Questions & Discussion
12:18:34 Joseph Carroll left the meeting
12:18:52 Rep. Zack Wirth
12:20:10 Joseph Carroll rejoined the meeting.
12:20:13 Sen. Barry Usher
12:22:51 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
12:23:08 Sen. Barry Usher

12:23:48 Rep. Denley Loge

LEGISLATION: ESTABLISH LAWS FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND TRUCK PLATOONING REGULATION CONT

12:24:59 Sen. Shelley Vance
EXHIBIT 13

12:25:08 Sen. Barry Usher

12:25:14 Joseph Carroll

Discussion

12:25:53 Rep. Denley Loge

12:26:00 Joseph Carroll

12:26:32 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

12:26:43 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

12:28:10 Rep. Denley Loge

12:29:29 Sen. Barry Usher

12:32:41 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

12:33:27 Director Chris Dorrington

12:33:41 Rep. Neil Duram left the meeting.

12:34:45 Sen. Barry Usher

12:37:16 Rep. Zack Wirth

12:35:50 Director Chris Dorrington

12:37:22 Rep. Neil Duram rejoined the meeting.

Motion

12:38:00 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella moved to pass PD0070 as a resolution and to send this resolution to the congressional delegation seek support from other states.

Discussion on the Motion

12:38:34 Sen. Barry Usher

Vote

12:38:39 Carried unanimously by voice vote

Committee Questions & Discussion

12:38:52 Joseph Carroll

12:39:37 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD
EXHIBIT 14

12:41:25 **Recessed**

13:45:15 **Reconvened**

LEGISLATION: ESTABLISH LAWS FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND TRUCK PLATOONING REGULATION CONT

13:45:31 Joseph Carroll

EXHIBIT 15

EXHIBIT 16

13:48:09 Rep. Neil Duram

13:48:55 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

13:49:25 Rep. Denley Loge

13:51:44 Sen. Barry Usher left the meeting.

13:52:00 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

13:52:58 Sen. Mike Fox

Motion

13:53:19 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella moved to forward PD0068 as a committee bill with removal of section 6, references to section 6, and an altered effective date.

Discussion on the Motion

13:53:48 Joseph Carroll

13:54:08 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

13:54:13 Rep. Neil Duram

13:54:42 Joseph Carroll

13:55:40 Rep. Denley Loge

13:56:16 Joseph Carroll

13:56:50 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

13:57:10 Rep. Denley Loge

Vote

13:57:19 Carried by voice vote, 5-1, with Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella voting ‘no’.

Motion

13:57:51 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella moved to forward PD0066 as a committee bill with altered effective date.

Discussion on the Motion

13:58:11 Rep. Denley Loge

Vote

13:58:38 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

13:59:16 Joseph Carroll, Attorney, LSD

EXHIBIT 17

Committee Questions & Discussion

13:59:57 None

Committee Action
14:00:08 Joseph Carroll, LSD

Committee Questions & Discussion
14:00:30 Sen. Shelley Vance

Public Comment
14:00:42 None

ELECTRIC VEHICLES & BATTERY DISPOSAL – REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION & RESOURCES
14:00:52 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD

EXHIBIT 18
EXHIBIT 19
EXHIBIT 20
EXHIBIT 21
EXHIBIT 22
EXHIBIT 23

Committee Questions & Discussion
14:09:58 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
14:10:20 Katy Callon, LSD

Public Comment
14:11:03 None

Committee Questions & Discussion
14:11:10 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
14:11:39 Katy Callon
14:12:24 Rep. Zack Wirth
14:12:33 Rep. Denley Loge
14:12:48 Katy Callon
14:13:17 Rick Thompson, Bureau Chief, Waste Management Bureau, DEQ
14:15:37 Rep. Denley Loge
14:15:45 Rick Thompson, DEQ
14:16:13 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
14:16:24 John MacDonald
14:17:44 Charles Denowh

HYDROGEN VEHICLE OVERVIEW
14:18:31 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

14:18:50 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD
14:19:00 Jackie Birdsall, Senior Engineer Manager, Toyota
EXHIBIT 24

Public Comment
14:31:49 None

Committee Questions & Discussion
14:32:04 Rep. Denley Loge
14:32:37 Jackie Birdsall

Public Comment
14:34:32 Patricia Grabow, Former City Commissioner

14:36:50 **Recessed**
14:50:56 **Reconvened**

U.S. 93 BELL CROSSING ROUNDABOUT PROJECT DISCUSSION
14:51:10 Bob Vosen, Missoula District Administrator, MDT
EXHIBIT 25

Committee Questions & Discussion
14:56:23 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
14:56:27 Bob Vosen, MDT
(See Exhibit 25)
EXHIBIT 26
EXHIBIT 27
15:18:22 Rep. Denley Loge
15:18:31 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
15:19:00 Bob Vosen
15:23:00 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
EXHIBIT 28
15:24:01 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:24:13 Bob Vosen
15:25:22 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
15:26:16 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD
15:26:53 Rep. Neil Duram
15:27:08 Bob Vosen
15:27:40 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
15:28:14 Bob Vosen

Public Comment

15:29:29 Dwayne Williams, Montana Trucking Association
15:31:23 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

SEASONAL AND TIME RESTRICTIONS OF BICYCLING ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS
15:32:06 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD
EXHIBIT 29
EXHIBIT 30
15:37:11 Rob Stapley, DOT

Committee Questions & Discussion
15:37:36 Rep. Denley Loge
15:38:54 Rob Stapley, DOT
15:39:42 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
15:39:59 Rep. Neil Duram
15:40:16 Rob Stapley
15:40:34 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
15:40:44 Katy Callon, LSD
15:41:07 Rep. Neil Duram
15:42:11 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
15:42:35 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

Public Comment
15:42:55 None

HB 747 (2023): REVISE LAWS RELATING TO DISABILITY PARKING - OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE PROVISIONAL DRAFT PD3TH) CONT
15:43:40 Katy Callon
EXHIBIT 31

Committee Questions & Discussion
15:45:45 Sen. Barry Usher
15:46:17 Katy Callon, LSD
15:46:56 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:47:15 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
15:47:27 Rep. Neil Duram
15:48:09 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
15:50:11 Rep. Neil Duram
15:51:09 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
15:51:29 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
15:52:12 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
15:53:17 Rep. Denley Loge

Motion

15:53:36 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella moved to send the letter to Local Government Committee as it is.

Discussion on the Motion

15:54:00 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

15:54:36 Rep. Denley Loge

15:54:45 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

Vote

15:55:15 Carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Mike Fox not present for vote.

Committee Questions & Discussion

15:56:12 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

15:56:42 Joseph Carroll

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM IN TIC'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

15:57:10 None

Committee Questions & Discussion

15:57:41 Joseph Carroll, Attorney, LSD

15:58:10 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

15:59:33 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:00:19 Sen. Barry Usher volunteered to carry PD0070.

16:00:57 Rep. Neil Duram.

16:01:09 Rep. Denley Loge

16:01:12 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

16:01:15 Joseph Carroll, LSD

16:01:33 Sen. Barry Usher

16:02:13 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

16:02:18 Joseph Carroll

16:01:30 Sen. Barry Usher

16:01:54 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

16:03:19 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum volunteered to carry PD0060, PD0061, and PD0062

16:03:31 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

16:04:00 Rep. Denley Loge volunteered to carry PD0066.

16:04:20 Rep. Zack Wirth volunteered to carry PD0068.

16:04:40 **Recessed**

16:12:10 **Reconvened**

PRESENTATION OF ATLAS PUBLIC POLICY'S "CLOSING THE ROAD-FUNDING GAP: SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE POLICY OPTIONS AND THE SPREAD OF EV FEES"

16:12:18 Pooja Agarwal, Atlas Public Policy

EXHIBIT 32

Committee Questions & Discussion

16:23:00 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
16:23:28 Pooja Agarwal, Atlas Public Policy
16:24:10 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
16:25:02 Director Chris Dorrington
16:26:11 Rep. Denley Loge
16:26:54 Pooja Agarwal
16:29:06 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
16:29:12 Rep. Denley Loge
16:29:37 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, LSD

EXHIBIT 33

Public Comment

16:30:51 None

Committee Questions & Discussion

16:31:06 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
16:32:23 Rep. Denley Loge
16:33:29 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
16:33:52 Pooja Agarwal
16:35:10 Rep. Neil Duram
16:35:26 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
16:36:24 Rep. Denley Loge
16:36:52 Pooja Agarwal
16:38:36 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:38:56 Maddelyn Black, Legislative Secretary, LSD
16:39:07 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella
16:39:17 Rep. Denley Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:39:39