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**MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2015
Place: Capitol

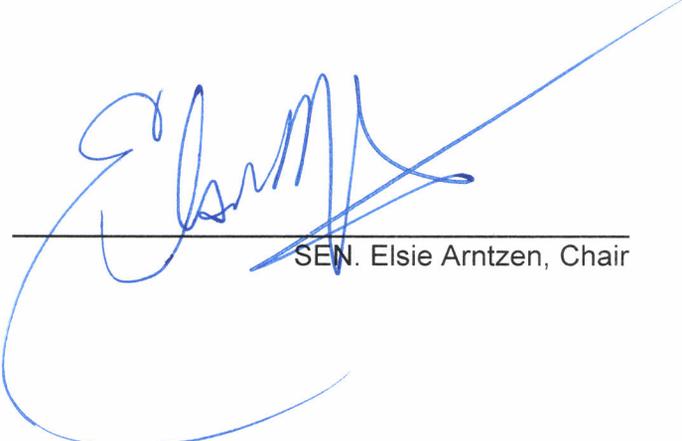
Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 405

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 375 - Revise motor vehicle minimum liability insurance laws - Rep. Steve Lavin
HB 414 - Generally revise vehicle license laws - Rep. Mike Lang
HJ 10 - Interim study on passenger rail - Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill
SB 375 - Revise highway speed limits and heavy truck and truck tractor speed limits - Sen. Scott Sales

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Comments:



SEN. Elsie Arntzen, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE
 ROLL CALL
 HIGHWAYS AND
 TRANSPORTATION
 COMMITTEE

DATE: 3-5-2015 2015

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
Chairman Arntzen	✓	
Vice Chair Vance	✓	
Senator Whitford		✓
Senator Barrett	✓	
Senator Brown		✓
Senator Buttrey	✓	
Senator Kaufmann	✓	
Senator Malek		✓
Senator Sales	✓	
Senator Sands		✓
Senator Taylor	✓	
Senator Thomas		✓

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SENATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 5, 2015

SB 375 - Revise highway speed limits and heavy truck and truck tractor speed limits

Sponsor: **Sen. Scott Sales**

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Kelly Flaherty - Settle	Self		X	
Ed Spradley	Self		X	
DAVE Newmiller	self		X	
Ray Kuntz	Watkins & Shipstead		X	
Spak Stang	MEM		X	
Bob Gilbert	MTTA & MSBEA			
TON BUTLER	MUP	X		
Dwaine Koller	MDT			X
Denise Harris	MDT		X	
Cary Hegreberg	Contractors		X	
Ann O'Connell	AAA		X	
Denise Harris	AAA		X	

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

HJ 10 – Interim Study of Rail Transportation in Montana and Creating a Montana Passenger Rail Commission

Testimony by Bob Sivertsen, Havre Mt laredoenterprises76@gmail.com

I rise in opposition to HJ 10 –

It creates another layer of Government.

We already have a Surface Transportation Board that deals with Rail Issues
What would the Mt Rail Comm do that the STB doesn't already do?
Don't we already have enough government?

There is a cost associated with the Interim Study.

There will be a cost for operations of the Mt Rail Commission.

Where is the Fiscal Note?

For your information, the legislation makes reference to the **Lack of Rail Road Capacity on the Northern Rte (Line 18)**

Please know that BNSF invested about \$6 billion on its Rail System in 2014. Its projected that the Co will invest another \$ 5 billion system wide this year, with about \$700 million being spent for upgrades on the Northern Rte. Double Tracking from Minot to Glasgow is to be completed in 2016. BNSF is hiring another 600 employees for the Northern Rte, Minot & Havre Sectors.

There is more intermittent double tracking along the Northern Rte as well.

This Legislation creates more government.

The Legislation requires appropriations from the General Fund of which is already overdrawn if all spending bills were to pass this session.

Please vote to table HJ 10

Thank You

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has submitted a bill to the Senate for the purpose of amending the laws relating to the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges; and

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BEFORE PASSED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

SENATE CHAMBERS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

ATTEST:

 Secretary of the Senate

 Speaker of the House of Representatives

 Governor

3/5/15

Montana Senate Highways and Transportation Committee

Testimony in support of HJ 10

Madam chair and committee members,

My name is Dave Strohmaier and I'm a former city councilman and current resident of Missoula. I'm here urging your support of House Joint Resolution 10.

In the early 1890s, my great grandfather would have likely taken the Northern Pacific Railway to arrive in Butte, where he worked as a butcher. Around 1914, my grandfather on the other side of the family would have taken the Great Northern to Wolf Point, en route to his homestead near Vida. For over a century, passenger rail has been a vital piece of Montana's heritage and transportation infrastructure. Today, the Empire Builder remains an important link to communities along the Hi-Line, seeing nearly 118,000 boardings and alightings in FY 2014 (52,000 of which were in Whitefish, alone), and directly contributing over \$5 million in payroll and procurement contracts. Southern Montana has been without regular passenger rail service since 1979.

HJ 10 recognizes the importance of passenger rail to Montana's communities and economy, and proactively establishes an interim committee of the legislature to investigate how to improve passenger rail service, including the possibility of establishing a dedicated citizen commission to oversee passenger rail in the state.

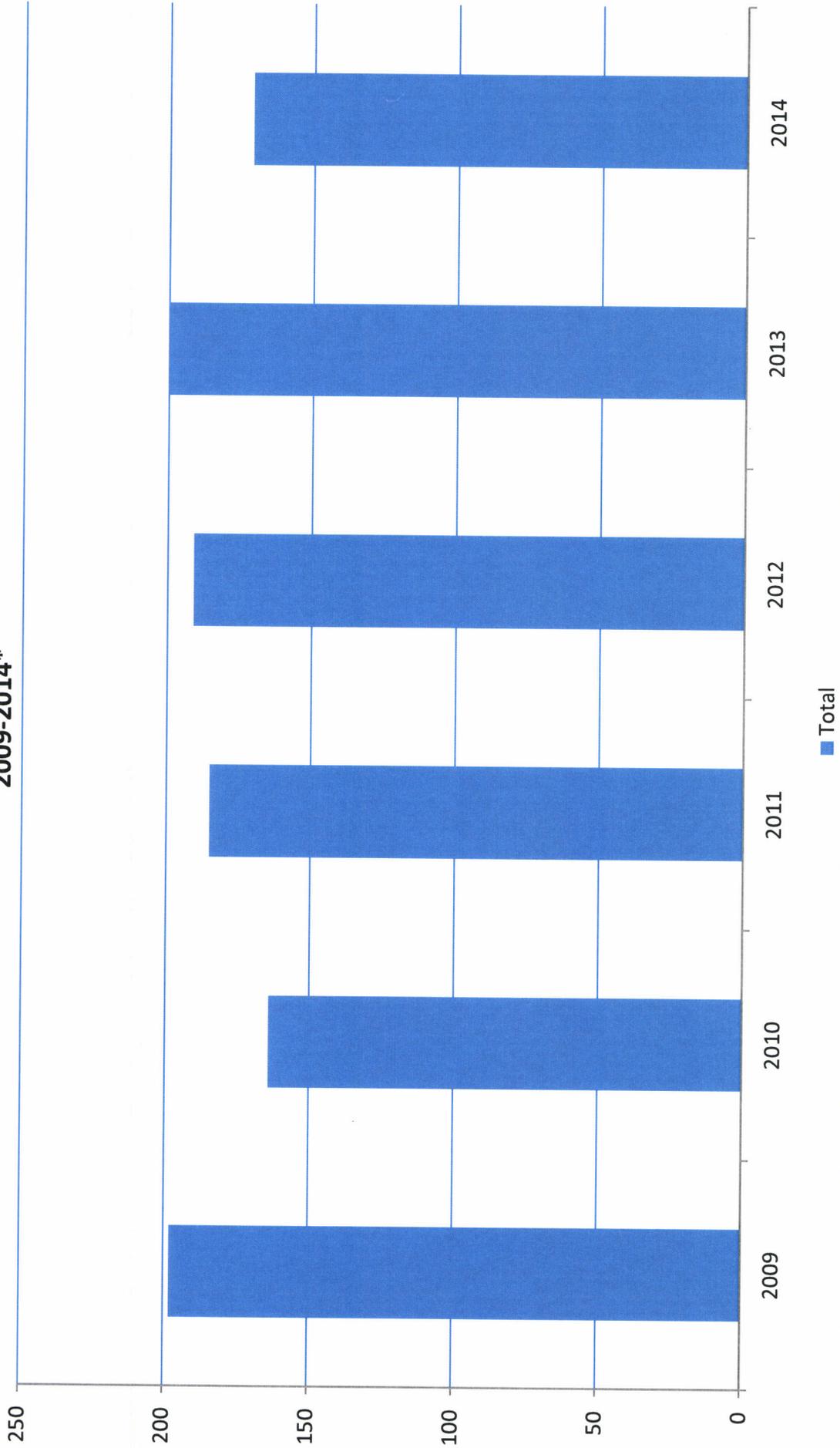
Rather than waiting passively for the federal government to show leadership on this issue, HJ 10 creates a mechanism for Montana to play a leadership role when it comes to passenger rail in this state.

If ever there was a day when airlines and flying were glamorous, it's not anymore, and passenger rail provides an added transportation option for seniors, tourists, and business travelers. While representing the 10,000 constituents of my ward in Missoula, I found passenger rail to hold strong bipartisan support. I urge your support HJ 10, recognizing passenger rail as an important component of Montana's transportation future.

Thank you.

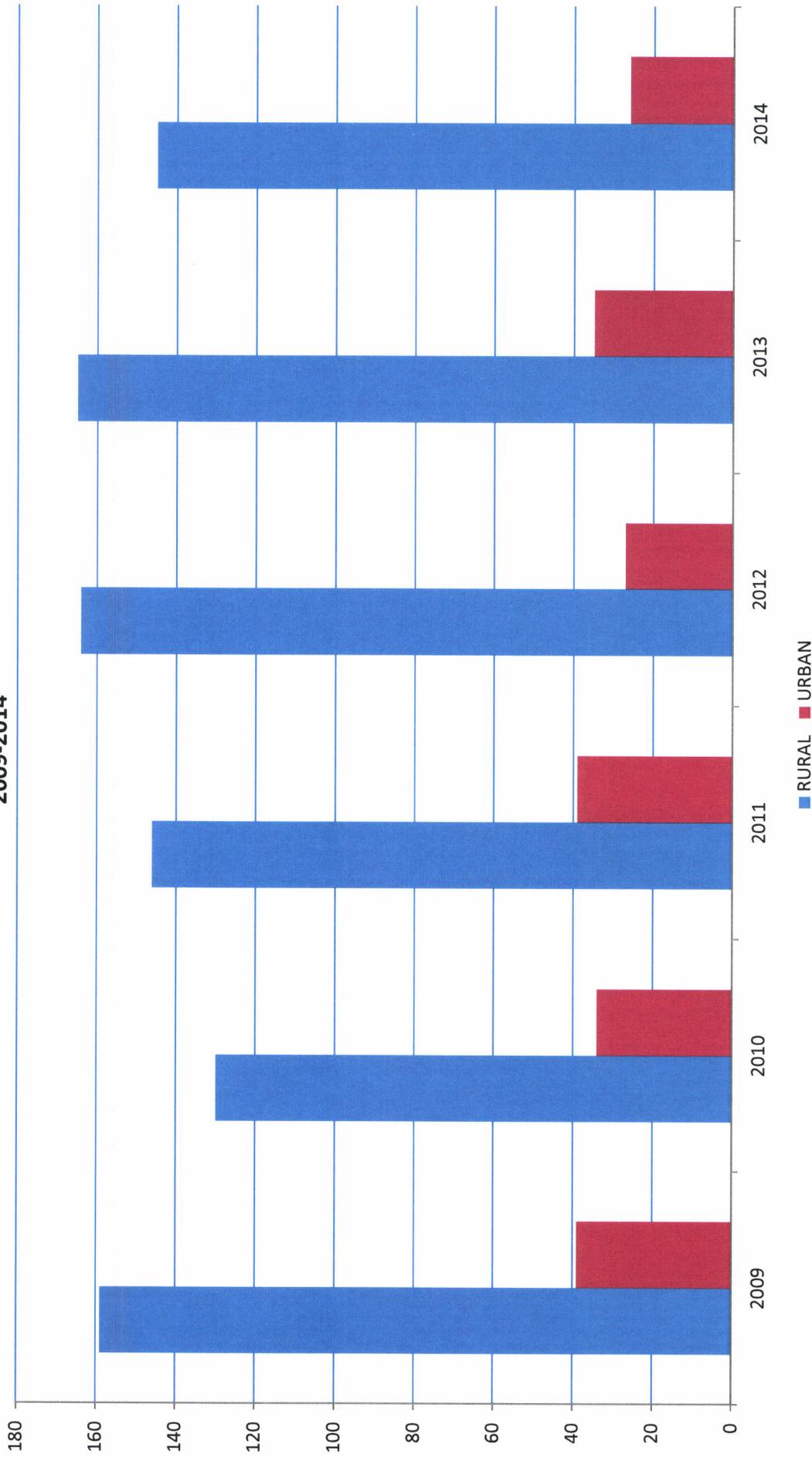
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Fatal Crashes by Year
State of Montana
2009-2014*



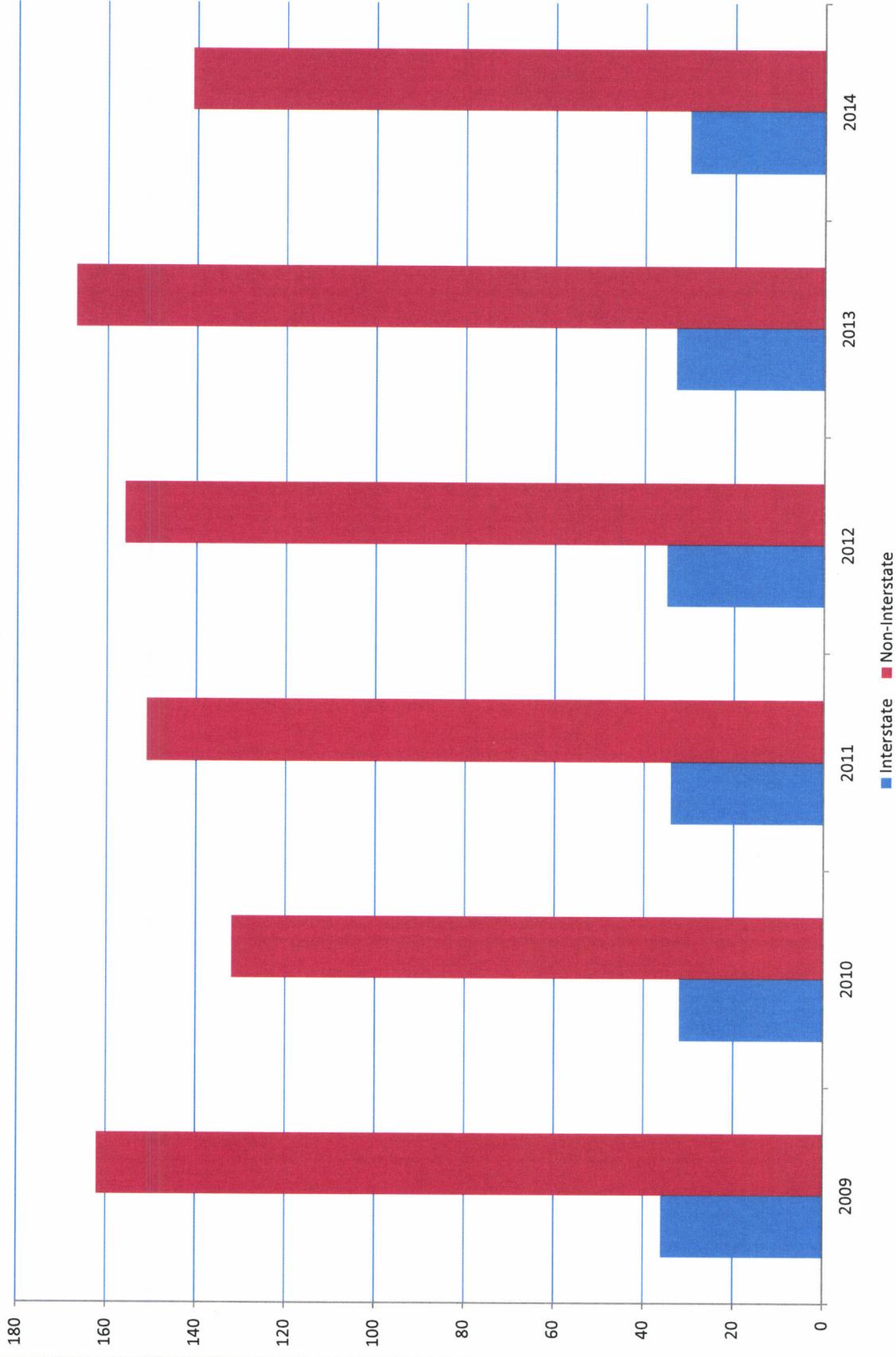
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**Fatal Crashes by Year; Urban vs. Rural
All Roadway Ownership
2009-2014***



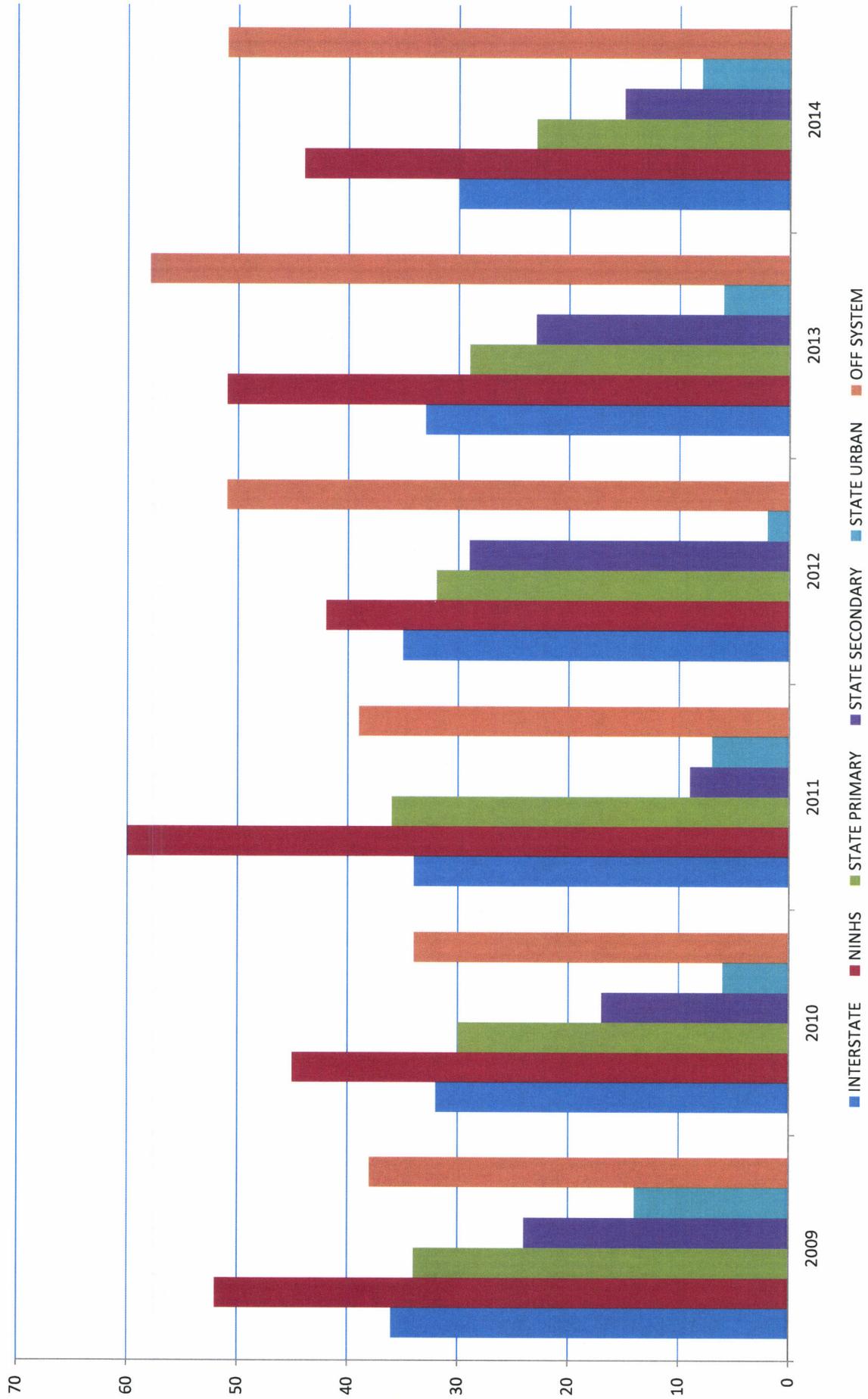
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Fatal Crashes by Year
Interstate vs. Non-Interstate (Includes Local Roads)
2009-2014*



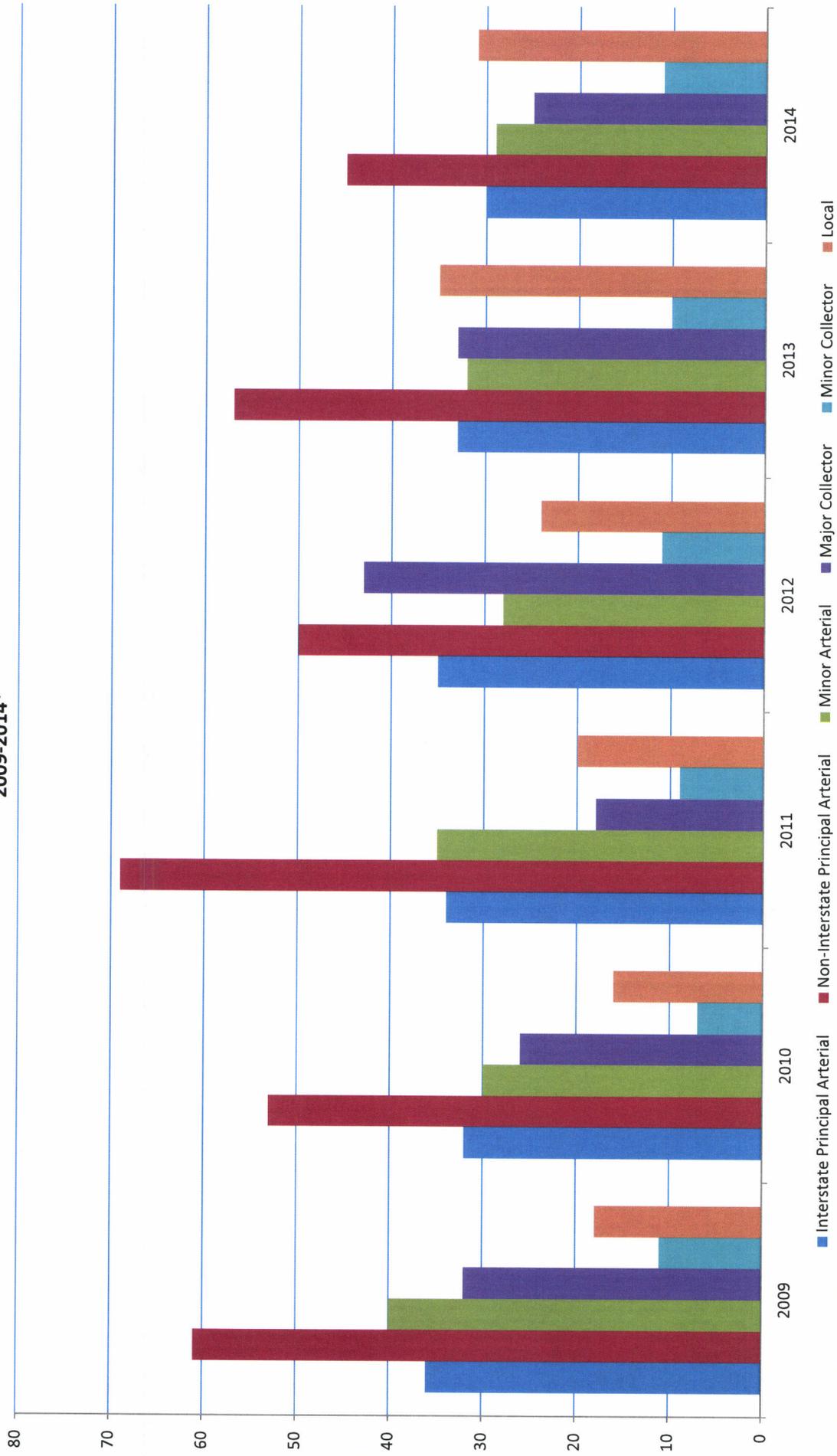
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Fatal Crashes by Year and System Class 2009-2014*



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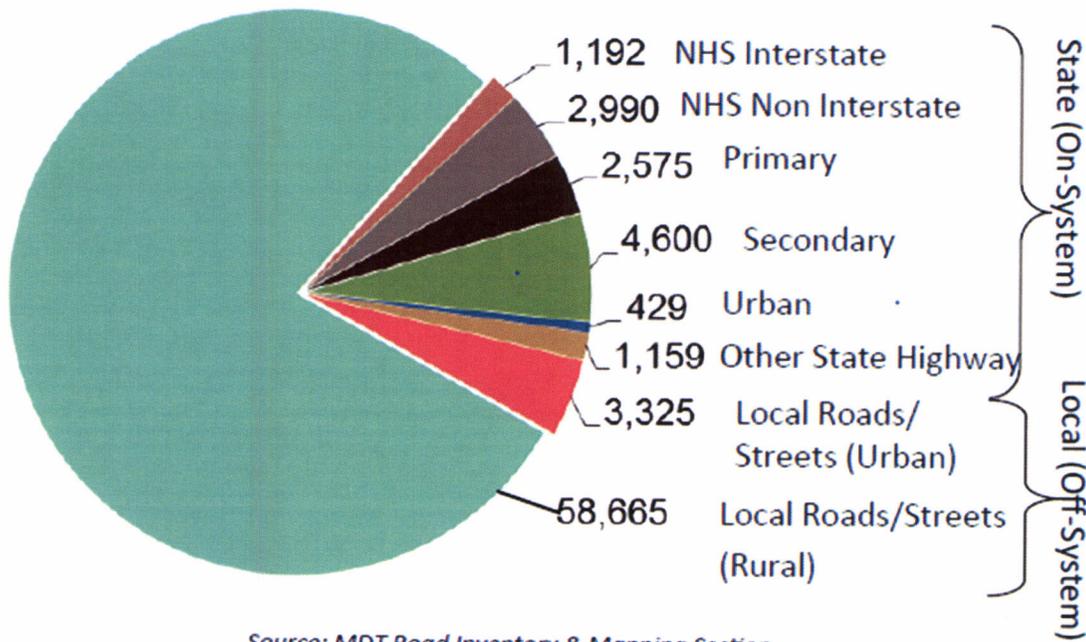


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NHS Interstate	1,192
Non-Interstate	73,743
Local Road/Streets (Rural)	58,665
Local Road/Streets (Urban)	3,325
NHS Non-Interstate	2,990
Primary	2,575
Secondary	4,600
Urban	429
Other State Highways	1,159
Total Public Road Miles	74,935

Source: MDT Road Inventory & Mapping Section

Centerline Road Mileage 2013



Source: MDT Road Inventory & Mapping Section

**MT 200-Glendive to Fairview
Crash Data - Before/After Differential Speed Limit Eliminated**

Before-After Analysis

	Before Period July 1, 2011 - March 31, 2013	After Period April 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014
Number of Crashes	104	127
Crash Severity		
Fatal Injury Crashes	6	1
Incapacitating Injury Crashes	5	6
Non-Incapacitating Injury Crashes	14	13
Possible Injury Crashes	13	6
Total Injury Crashes	32	25
Property Damage Only Crashes	66	101
Injury Severity		
Number of fatalities	6	1
Number of Incapacitating Injuries	7	7
Number of Non-incapacitating Injuries	17	25
Number of Possible Injuries	20	9
Total Number of Injuries	44	41
Collision Type		
Domestic Animal	3	4
Fixed Object	21	20
Head on	5	3
Rear End	8	17
Right Angle	3	4
Roll Over	16	18
Sideswipe Opposite Direction	7	9
Sideswipe Same Direction	9	3
Wild Animal	23	43
Lost Control	4	3
Not Fixed Object/Debris	1	1
Other	0	1
Jackknife	2	0
Left Turn Same Direction	1	0
Left Turn Opposite Direction	0	1
Right Turn Same Direction	1	0

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**This additional document
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*Montana Highway Patrol
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Montana Highway Patrol

2013 Annual Report



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2012 Annual Report

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