

SENATE BILL NO. 182

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CERTAIN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN LISTS OF GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKELY TO HAVE INTEREST IN OR BE IMPACTED BY A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF THE HEARINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Construction projects -- hearings required -- notice. (1) After the

commission has selected and prioritized a construction project under 60-2-110 that is estimated to cost \$1 million or more, the department shall hold public hearings as provided in this section.

(2) The department shall hold a public hearing on the project at least once a year until the request for bids is issued. An additional public hearing must be held no longer than 6 months before the request for bids is issued. The hearings must be held in the area where the project will occur and in areas likely to be impacted by the project.

(3) (a) For each proposed project, the department shall establish and maintain a list of:

(i) all local government entities within which the project will be located or that are likely to impacted by the project; and

(ii) organizations and associations that represent motorists and commercial motor vehicle companies and operators, local chambers of commerce and economic development entities, and any other organizations or entities that represent travelers or those who regularly use highways for recreational or business purposes.

(b) The department shall solicit contact information from the entities identified under subsection (3)(a) and shall provide to the entities notification of the date, time, and location of the hearings. Public notice of the hearings must also be provided.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an

integral part of Title 60, chapter 2, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 2, part 2, apply to [section 1].



