



## TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

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Mike Fox  
Theresa Manzella  
Barry Usher  
Shelley Vance

### HOUSE MEMBERS

Denise Baum  
Scot Kerns  
Denley Loge  
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Katy Callon - Research Analyst  
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# MINUTES LOG

March 13, 2024  
Capitol Room 137  
Helena, Montana

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Theresa Manzella, Chair (R)  
Rep. Denise Baum, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Denley Loge (R)  
Sen. Barry Usher (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

### STAFF PRESENT:

Katy Callon, Research Analyst  
Joe Carroll, Attorney  
Daniel Rosenberg, Secretary

### AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

### VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

09:00:53 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

## **AGENCY UPDATE – DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION (MVD)**

### **MVD Updates**

09:02:09 Laurie Bakri, Administrator, MVD  
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (PowerPoint Presentation)

### **Committee Questions/Discussion**

09:07:02 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum  
09:08:55 Rep. Denley Loge  
09:12:27 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
09:13:26 Laurie Bakri  
09:14:00 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
09:14:11 Malcom "Mack" Long, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)  
09:14:46 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
09:15:15 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:18:57 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
09:19:31 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:19:46 Sen. Barry Usher  
09:21:02 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:21:15 Rep. Denley Loge  
09:22:47 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
09:23:05 Rep. Denley Loge  
09:24:45 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
  
09:24:58 Laurie Bakri continued the presentation. (see [EXHIBIT 1](#))

### **Committee Questions/Discussion**

09:32:22 Sen. Barry Usher  
09:33:13 Laurie Bakri  
09:35:14 Rep. Denley Loge  
09:35:52 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

## **AGENCY UPDATE – MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

09:36:17 Malcom "Mack" Long

### **Committee Questions/Discussion**

09:43:06 Sen. Shelley Vance

09:43:34 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:43:46 Sen. Shelley Vance  
09:44:00 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:44:21 Rep. Denley Loge  
  
09:44:45 Malcolm "Mack" Long continued the presentation.

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

09:46:24 Sen. Barry Usher  
09:47:11 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:47:28 Jon Swartz, Administrator, Maintenance Division, MDT  
  
09:48:20 Malcolm "Mack" Long continued the presentation.

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

09:50:09 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
09:50:11 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:50:23 Rep. Denley Loge  
  
09:50:38 Malcolm "Mack" Long continued the presentation.

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

09:56:17 Rep. Denley Loge  
09:56:57 Malcom "Mack" Long  
09:58:23 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
09:58:55 Malcom "Mack" Long  
10:00:43 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
10:00:52 Malcom "Mack" Long  
10:01:32 Sen. Barry Usher  
10:02:10 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
10:02:19 Malcom "Mack" Long  
10:03:20 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
10:03:38 Malcom "Mack" Long  
10:04:21 Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:04:45 Rep. Denley Loge  
10:05:10 Malcom "Mack" Long  
10:05:33 Rep. Zack Wirth  
10:06:15 Malcom "Mack" Long

**Public Comment**

10:07:36 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association

- 10:10:37 Duane Williams, Executive Director, Montana Trucking Association
- 10:12:59 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- 10:15:39 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns
- 10:17:20 Rep. Zack Wirth

**HJ 15/16 – BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE & FUNDING**  
**Current State & Federal Funding & Planning Process**

- 10:19:09 Sheila Ludlow, Integrated Transportation & Publications Supervisor, MDT  
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

**Overview of Other State Funding Models for Bicycle Infrastructure Construction & Maintenance**

- 10:39:16 Katy Callon, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

- 10:53:35 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
- 10:54:16 Sheila Ludlow
- 10:54:41 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
- 10:54:49 Sheila Ludlow
- 10:55:01 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
- 10:55:44 Sheila Ludlow
- 10:56:08 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum
- 10:56:24 Sheila Ludlow
- 10:57:17 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

**BikeWalk Montana Perspective**

- 10:58:09 John Juras, Chairman, BikeWalk Montana  
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

**Public Comment**

- 11:06:51 Chris Fox, Stevensville

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

- 11:12:26 Rep. Denley Loge
- 11:13:42 Jon Swartz
- 11:14:45 Rep. Denley Loge
- 11:15:13 Jon Swartz
- 11:16:03 Sen. Barry Usher
- 11:16:45 Sheila Ludlow
- 11:17:19 Sen. Barry Usher
- 11:17:57 Sheila Ludlow
- 11:18:26 Sen. Barry Usher
- 11:18:51 Sheila Ludlow

11:19:03 Sen. Barry Usher  
11:19:33 Sheila Ludlow  
11:19:49 Sen. Barry Usher  
11:20:46 John Juras  
11:22:41 Sen. Barry Usher  
11:24:32 John Juras  
11:26:26 Sen. Barry Usher  
11:27:23 John Juras  
11:27:37 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
11:28:07 Katy Callon  
11:28:21 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
11:28:35 Katy Callon  
11:29:13 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

**RECESS**

11:30:31 Reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

**COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) REQUIREMENTS**

**Panel Discussion**

**SB 47 & HB 904 Implementation**

11:40:01 Brad Marten, Administrator, Motor Carrier Services Division, MDT  
11:43:01 Laurie Bakri  
11:44:24 Duane Williams

**CDL & Recreational Vehicles – Statutes & Regulations**

11:48:41 Joe Carroll  
[EXHIBIT 5](#)  
[EXHIBIT 6](#)  
11:54:44 Laurie Bakri

**Public Comment**

11:55:13 None

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

11:55:32 Rep. Denley Loge  
11:56:14 Jon Swartz  
11:57:46 Rep. Denley Loge  
11:58:00 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
11:58:42 Brad Marten  
11:59:14 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
11:59:29 Brad Marten  
12:00:05 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
12:00:36 Brad Marten

12:00:47 Patrick McJannet, Driver Services Deputy Bureau Chief, MVD  
12:03:08 Sen. Barry Usher  
12:04:57 Brad Marten  
12:06:32 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

### **RECESS**

12:07:12 Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **AUTONOMOUS/AUTOMATED VEHICLES & SAFETY**

13:00:54

#### **Review of Other Rural States' Approaches to Autonomous & Automated Vehicles**

13:01:01 Katy Callon  
[EXHIBIT 7](#)  
13:02:33 Katy Callon  
13:09:02 Malcom "Mack" Long  
13:09:32 Katy Callon

#### **Panel Discussion**

13:14:15 Malcolm "Mack" Long  
13:17:39 David Johnson, Federal Highway Administration, Program Lead, Automated Vehicles & Adverse Weather – Phase 3 Research  
[EXHIBIT 8](#)  
13:27:50 Jeff Farrah, CEO, Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA)  
13:36:36 Daniel Goff, Director of External Affairs, Kodiak AI  
[EXHIBIT 9](#)

#### **Public Comment**

13:49:17 John Lee, Montana Trucker

#### **Committee Questions/Discussion**

13:58:27 Rep. Denley Loge  
13:59:20 David Johnson  
13:59:59 Rep. Denley Loge  
14:00:16 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum  
14:01:06 Jeff Farrah  
14:02:18 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum  
14:02:41 Jeff Farrah  
14:03:59 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
14:05:03 David Johnson  
14:06:23 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
14:06:59 David Johnson  
14:08:02 Jeff Farrah

**Public Comment**

14:09:28 John Lee

**ELECTRIC VEHICLES – FIRE SAFETY**

**Review of Other States’ Approaches to Preparation for First Responders & Identification of Electric Vehicles**

14:10:23 Katy Callon  
[EXHIBIT 10](#)  
[EXHIBIT 11](#)

14:21:29 Jeremy Virts, Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services, City of Great Falls  
Fire Rescue

14:28:09 Laurie Bakri

**Public Comment**

14:30:33 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:36:02 Rep. Denley Loge

14:36:10 Katy Callon

14:36:41 Sen. Barry Usher

14:37:14 John MacDonald

14:38:05 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

14:39:19 Jeremy Virts

14:40:00 Sen. Barry Usher

14:40:25 Jeremy Virts

14:41:32 Ole Hedstrom, Montana State Firefighters Association

**RECESS**

14:42:40 Reconvened at 2:52 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW**

14:52:55 Joe Carroll  
[EXHIBIT 12](#)  
[EXHIBIT 13](#)

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:55:12 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

14:55:24 Rep. Denley Loge

**TITLE 60 & 61 DEFINITIONS**

**Review of Draft Legislation**

14:56:19 Joe Carroll  
[EXHIBIT 14](#)  
[EXHIBIT 15](#)  
[EXHIBIT 16](#)

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

15:07:51 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:08:35 Joe Carroll  
15:08:48 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:09:02 Joe Carroll  
  
15:09:09 Joe Carroll continued the presentation. (see [EXHIBIT 14](#))

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

15:13:47 Sen. Barry Usher  
15:14:01 Joe Carroll  
15:14:48 Sen. Barry Usher  
15:14:56 Rep. Zack Wirth  
15:15:50 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:16:21 Dustin Rouse, Chief Engineer, MDT  
15:17:23 Rep. Zack Wirth  
15:18:11 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:18:26 Joe Carroll  
15:18:39 Rep. Zack Wirth

15:19:20 Joe Carroll continued the presentation. (see [EXHIBIT 15](#))

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

15:29:53 Sen. Barry Usher  
15:30:18 Joe Carroll  
15:31:03 Rep. Zack Wirth  
15:31:47 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum  
15:32:07 Rep. Denley Loge  
15:32:20 Sen. Barry Usher

15:33:11 Joe Carroll continued the presentation. (see [EXHIBIT 15](#))

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

15:47:04 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
15:47:36 Joe Carroll  
15:50:26 Sen. Barry Usher  
15:50:46 Joe Carroll

15:51:12 Joe Carroll continued the presentation. (see [EXHIBIT 16](#))

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

15:59:35 Sen. Barry Usher



15:59:55 Joe Carroll  
16:00:29 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:00:59 Joe Carroll  
16:01:52 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum  
16:02:34 Joe Carroll

**PUBLIC COMMENT on any item in TIC's subject matter jurisdiction**

16:03:58 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:04:23 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:04:53 Rep. Zack Wirth  
16:05:08 Rep. Denley Loge

**COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

**Next Meeting**

16:06:01 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:06:30 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

**Agency Updates**

16:08:52 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:09:06 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:09:47 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:10:12 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:10:40 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:11:38 Katy Callon  
16:11:59 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:12:26 Katy Callon  
16:12:53 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

**HJ 15/16**

16:14:11 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:14:35 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:14:48 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:16:12 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:16:49 Rep. Zack Wirth  
16:17:54 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:18:17 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:18:36 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:18:58 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:19:27 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum  
16:20:52 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:22:02 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:22:13 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

16:22:39 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:23:03 Sen. Barry Usher

**Electric Vehicles/Fire Safety**

16:23:58 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:24:06 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:24:37 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:24:42 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:25:44 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:26:02 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum  
16:27:18 Rep. Denley Loge

**Autonomous Vehicles**

16:28:47 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:29:09 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:30:07 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

**CDL Requirements**

16:30:53 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:31:29 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:32:02 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:33:49 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:34:02 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:34:43 Joe Carroll  
16:36:34 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:36:55 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:37:01 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:37:39 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:37:48 Joe Carroll  
16:37:58 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:38:25 Joe Carroll  
16:39:10 Sen. Barry Usher

**Future Topics**

16:40:15 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:41:02 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:42:06 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella  
16:42:26 Rep. Zack Wirth  
16:43:06 Presiding Officer Theresa Manzella

**Additional Instructions To Staff**

16:43:49 Katy Callon

16:44:14 Joe Carroll  
16:44:35 Sen. Barry Usher  
16:45:15 Rep. Denley Loge  
16:45:33 Vice Presiding Officer Denise Baum

**ADJOURNMENT**

16:47:12 Presiding Officer Manzella adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.