

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2025 Regular Session

March 5, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The fifth meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation was held on March 5, 2025, at 9:30 AM in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Jimmy Higdon, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senators Jimmy Higdon Chair; Donald Douglas Vice Chair; Senators Cassie Chambers Armstrong, Karen Berg, Jared Carpenter, Greg Elkins, Brandon Smith, Brandon J. Storm, Phillip Wheeler, Gex Williams, and Mike Wilson.

Guests: Brooks Clark Young, Advocate

LRC Staff: Dana Fugazzi, Ashley Nash, and Christina Williams.

Approval of February 26, 2025 minutes

The minutes from the February 26th meeting were approved.

Bills for Consideration

HB 15 GA with CS

AN ACT relating to instruction permits and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor: Representative Steven Rudy

House Bill 15 was discussed by its sponsor, Representative Steven Rudy, who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to adopt the committee substitute. Senator Mike Wilson seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Appearing with Representative Rudy was advocate Brooks Clark Young, who spoke in favor of the measure. After brief discussion, senator Karen Berg made a motion to adopt House Bill 15 as amended by the committee substitute. Senator Greg Elkins seconded the motion, which passed on an 11-0-0 roll call vote.

HB 157 GA with CS

AN ACT relating to special license plates.

Sponsor: Representative Ken Upchurch

House Bill 157 was discussed by its sponsor, Representative Ken Upchurch, who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Senator Mike Wilson made a motion to

adopt the committee substitute. Senator Brandon Storm seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. After brief discussion, Senator Mike Wilson made a motion to pass House Bill 157 as amended by the committee substitute. Senator Greg Elkins seconded the motion, which passed on an 11-0-0 roll call vote.

HB 444 GA

AN ACT relating to commercial driver's licenses.

Sponsor: Representative John Blanton

House Bill 444 was discussed by its sponsor, Representative John Blanton. After brief discussion, Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to pass House Bill 444. Senator Greg Elkins seconded the motion, which passed on an 11-0-0 roll call vote.

HB 188 GA with CS

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle driveaway plates.

Sponsor: Representative Robert Duvall

House Bill 188 was discussed by its sponsor, Representative Robert Duvall, who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Senator Mike Wilson made a motion to adopt the committee substitute. Senator Gex Williams seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. After brief discussion, Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to pass House Bill 188 as amended by the committee substitute. Senator Donald Douglas seconded the motion, which passed on a 10-0-0 roll call vote.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Higdon adjourned the meeting at 10:03 AM.