

NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Jim Wooten DISTRICT 59

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

On Thursday, the <u>House Public Transportation Committee</u> advanced <u>HB1324</u>. This bill would allow law enforcement officers to pull over a driver who does not have their vehicle headlights on when it is raining, snowing, or any time the windshield wipers are being used.

The full House passed <u>HB1267</u> which requires home caregivers to have a specific number of hours in dementia training.

The House also passed <u>HB1127</u> which creates the Rural Emergency Hospital Act. This bill would provide a way for rural hospitals in the state to qualify for a new federal designation and be reimbursed at a higher rate for outpatient services.

In addition, the House passed <u>HB1198</u>. This bill would require polls to be open for early voting on county holidays. Polls would continue to be closed for early voting on state holidays.

The House passed <u>HB1258</u> which would allow cities to issue a permit for the use of sky lanterns if the event is open to the public.

The House will reconvene on Monday at 1:30 p.m.