

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 04, 2016

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Luker, Vice Chairman Sims, Representatives Barbieri, Perry, Clow, Horman, Malek, Collins, Cheatham, Loertscher, Redman, Kloc, McCrostie, Nye

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Danny Rentro, Gary Rohwer, Krystal Hinkle, Idaho State Fire Commissioner's Association; Justin Ruen, Seth Grigg, Association of Idaho Cities; David Matte, Annette Polidori, Jim Riley, Alan Butcher, State Archive

Chairman Luker called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Nye** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24356C1: **Justin Ruen**, Policy Analyst, Association of Idaho Cities, presented **RS 24356C1**. This proposed legislation extends authority to cities to allow them to retain permanent records in a digital format. The proposed legislation also adds a definition of historical records. These are records that, due to age and cultural significance, are artifacts of historical value. Historical records may not be destroyed but may be transferred to the Idaho State Historical Society's Permanent Records Repository upon resolution of the city's council. This proposed legislation also takes language that is in existing Code Section 59-09 and incorporates it into Section 59-07 to make it easier for city clerks to find and reference.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Reun** explained that county election records stay with the county; this legislation would only apply to cities. He also stated the archives are in a sustainable position to take historical records. They have created space by sending records back to the original entity if they do not meet the historical records criteria. Historical records interpretation may vary from city to city and that is where the professionals at the State Archives will help as they will be able to properly identify which records belong. **Mr. Reun** also explained that if a city decides to store records electronically they need to ensure that they will have the equipment to produce the electronically stored record for the lifetime of that document.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 24356C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 405: **Rep. Hixon**, Legislative District 10, presented **H 405**. This legislation gives the board the mechanism to go from a five member board to a three member board. In order for change to occur, four of five board members must agree to make the change.

In response to committee questions, **Gary Rohwer**, Fire Commissioner, Parma Fire Department, explained the size of fire districts varies greatly because of population fluctuations. It would not be accurate to average how many people each fire district commissioner represents. **Mr. Rohwer** also explained that if this legislation passes and a fire district chooses to go to a three member board the elections will happen at the next natural election.

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to send **H 405** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 P.M.

Representative Luker
Chair

Chelsea Cantrell
Secretary