

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Hill

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18 and 22, 2024 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 412:** **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this legislation will align Idaho Code with Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) practice of pre-screening commercial trucks at ports of entry at highway speeds. He explained, if trucks meet the established criteria, they can stay on the highway and bypass a fixed port of entry. He stated the goal of screening is to balance weight compliance, safety and industry needs, and estimates this screening process saves the industry approximately \$11 million annually in wages and fuel.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 412** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to a committee question concerning license plate readers reading more than just commercial vehicles, **Brian Goeke**, ITD, explained there is no authority granted to ITD to read anything other than commercial vehicles' license plates, and additionally, the system can only connect to the commercial database.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 412** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 413:** **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, stated this legislation will remove the requirement for time based mandatory license plate replacement, currently on a 10-year replacement cycle, to allow license plates to remain in place as long as they remain readable.

In response to a committee question regarding removal of county designators on license plates, **Rep. Petzke** indicated that is not the intent of this bill, and clarified the language stricken on page one of the bill only relates to aligning production standards.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 413** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 414:** **Rep. Manwaring**, District 29, stated this legislation has three parts: 1) it will allow a commercial driver's license (CDL) to be renewed for eight years rather than just four years, 2) it will reduce online renewal fees by five dollars, and 3) it will set up a Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, a new federal and state requirement, to check CDL applicants for any unresolved failed drug tests prior to completing any CDL transaction.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 414** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary