

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Weber, Representatives Monks, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Rubel, Necochea, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Burns

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 Weber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31368C1: **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31368C1**, which will allow special distributor (contract) liquor stores, in operation prior to January 1, 2023, to continue to operate – even if a state liquor store is opened in the municipality. Speaker Moyle stated the intent is to not penalize previously licensed small businesses as state liquor stores expand.

In response to a question from the committee, **Speaker Moyle** explained consideration was given to preventing state liquor stores from coming into communities with existing special distributors; however, complexities, compounded by population growth, made this draft more agreeable to stakeholders.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31368C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31349: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31349**, requiring an annual report detailing Idaho's most serious drug cases be filed with the Office of the Attorney General. Rep. Boyle explained the legislation was modeled after a law for reporting child sexual abuse cases and will need increased budget for one FTE to analyze the data.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 31349**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31360: **Rep. Sauter** presented **RS 31360**, which changes the project value amount requiring a public works contractor license from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Rep. Sauter explained the difficulty cities and counties are having with hiring small project contractors. The Idaho Association of Counties and Association of Contractors were consulted when drafting the legislation. It was determined changing this amount would not impact quality and could help counter increasing construction costs.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31360**.

Reps. Monks and **Dixon (1)** declared Rule 80.

In response to a question from the committee, **Rep. Sauter** stated the \$50,000 threshold for requiring public works licenses has been in place for three to four years.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Representative Weber
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary