

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 2024

TIME: 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Gannon, 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 Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:09pm.

H 689: **Rep. Blanksma**, District 8, stated this consensus legislation strengthens a balanced relationship between Idaho's franchised auto dealers and their manufacturer partners. It also clarifies and modifies the existing roles of both the dealers and their manufacturers to ensure each party is treated fairly in this age of rapid change. She stated, this ensures free local markets continue to exist in Idaho, providing the Idaho consumer choice, which benefits all involved. Rep. Blanksma yielded the podium to **Jim Addis**.

Jim Addis, Executive Director, Idaho Automobile Dealers Association, stated **H 689** is consensus legislation specific to franchised dealers and their manufacturer partners who use franchised dealers. Nothing in this legislation impacts used dealers, wholesale dealers, non-franchised new dealers, or those manufacturers who do not have franchised dealers. He explained, the main purpose is to maintain competitive markets in Idaho given the rapid change in technology and practices emerging in the industry and in the marketplace. It also clarifies the roles of both Idaho's franchised dealers and their manufacturers to ensure each party is treated fairly to continue the long history of free local markets in Idaho for the benefit of Idaho consumers.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to send **H 689** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary