

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, March 07, 2024
- TIME:** 8:30 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW05
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Weber, Representatives Monks, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Rubel, Necochea, Burns
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Rubel
- 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. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31611:** **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 31611**, which is an amended version of **H 647**. He stated the intent of the proposed legislation is to ensure CE requirements are not higher than the average of the contiguous states around Idaho. It also removes duplicative requirements for out-of-state residents if they can prove they have met commensurate requirements from their home state and grants CE requirement waivers for individuals while serving active duty.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31611**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31571C1:** **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 31571C1**, which will prohibit foreign governments from owning Idaho forest lands and prohibits foreign adversaries from owning and acquiring controlling interests in agricultural land, water rights, mining claims, or mineral rights and sets up processes for required sales of lands owned by foreign adversaries. It also prohibits foreign adversaries from owning or occupying lands within boundaries around military operations.
- In answer to a question from the committee, **Rep. Hill** explained friendly foreign nations would not be prevented from owning land if they were part of an investment pool and owned 5% or less.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31571C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31615:** **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 31615**, which amends the stray livestock code and he explained the need to take action to protect the open range from bad actors. The RS adds some penalties, protects neighbors from trespassing livestock and has industry support.
- In answer to a question from the committee, **Rep. Andrus** stated he did not believe this legislation would apply differently to herd districts versus fenced districts, but would confirm before the bill hearing.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31615**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31621:** **Rep. Manwaring** presented **RS 31621**, relating to the formation of state corporations and is a replacement for **H 643**. **Rep. Manwaring** explained it includes much more clarifying language.

MOTION: Rep. Necochea made a motion to introduce **RS 31621. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Representative Weber
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary