

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 11, 2024

TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Crane(12), Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Dixon(1), Andrus, Furniss, Mitchell, Cornilles, Ehlers, Lanting, Petzke, Redman, Berch, Green, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Petzke

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 Clow called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 and February 27, 2024 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to move **S 1295** to the top of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

S 1295: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **S 1295** explaining the legislation amends section 54-5805, Idaho Code, to define hairpieces and toupees as natural or synthetic hair that is affixed to a person's scalp via a bonding agent. Additionally, this legislation defines wigs and exempts wig sellers from cosmetology licensure.

Chairman Clow opened the legislation to public testimony. No one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon(1)** made a motion to send **S 1295** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1263: **Ken Howell**, Hawley Troxell, presented **S 1263** explaining the legislation focuses on the inclusion of obligations secured by deeds of trust under Idaho law. The goal is to establish fairness and consistency in property-related financial agreements across Idaho. Essentially, this amendment seeks to update the law to ensure equal treatment for all types of property security agreements.

Chairman Clow opened the legislation to public testimony. No one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1263** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Clow** made a unanimous consent request to reconsider **Docket No. 24-3950-2301**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**DOCKET NO.
24-3950-2301:**

Chairman Clow reminded the committee of the part of **Docket No. 24-3950-2301** which the committee had previously rejected. Chairman Clow explained a conflict between the redline and clean copy of the rules, noting the table showing capital requirements for the redline copy listed a capitol requirement of two million dollars, whereas the clean copy listed one million, two hundred thousand dollars. He also explained the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee approved **Docket No. 24-3950-2301** and without concurrence, the entire rule will be rejected.

Rep. Andrus expressed his opposition to doubling the capital requirements noting it is a barrier to entry.

In response to committee questions, **Sean Schupack**, Idaho Associated General Contractors, explained AGC members thought the capitol requirements were low and recommended the change.

In response to committee questions, **Michelle Bird**, Program Manager, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses Executive Officer, Public Works Licensing Board, explained the capitol requirement changes were intended to double the entire classification.

Chairman Clow explained with lack of a motion, the previous committee action on **Docket No. 24-3950-2301** stands.

H 704:

Rep. Crane (13) presented **H 704** explaining the legislation codifies certain exemptions to the 2023 Electrical Code, which was adopted by the legislature last legislative session. It also prevents any city, county, or any other political subdivision from requiring the installation of an electric vehicle circuit as part of any new construction.

Chairman Clow opened the legislation to public testimony. No one indicated their desire to testify.

Rep. Crane (12), Dixon (1), Crane (13) declared a Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION:

Rep. Palmer made a motion to send **H 704** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Lanting and Rubel** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Crane (13)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Patricia Perkins, Director, Department of Finance presented the Department of Finance's FY2025 Performance Report.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Perkins** explained the Consumer Finance Bureau oversees payday and title loans. She shared the Department of Finance doesn't have specific regulation written for cryptocurrency however, the activities often fall under existing statute. She shared the example when a company holds cryptocurrency in a wallet, the custody activity is already regulated under the Trust Institutions Act.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Michelle A Anderson
Secretary