

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW41
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Clow, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Thompson, Hixon, Monks, Anderst, Dixon, Troy, Stevenson, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Manwaring, Smith (Nye), Kloc, Toone
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) DeMordaunt
- GUESTS:** Luke Papez, Project Manager, LS Power
Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Anderst** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Anderst Subcommittee Meeting of January 19, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 27:** **Luke Papez**, LS Power, presented **H 27**. Mr. Papez stated the bill will add a limited exemption to lighting and marking requirements on power poles and structures used to transmit electricity at 69,000 volts or higher. The poles or structures are owned by an entity that is not a cooperative or municipal utility, a federal power marketing agency, or state regulated utility. Tubular Guyed V structures used by these power companies have a smaller footprint, lower surface disturbance and when fitted with perch deterrents on the main cross arm, provide minimal perching opportunities for raptors. This is a critical issue for sage grouse. BLM has approved Tubular Guyed V structures for use in sage grouse habitat. Self Supporting Lattis Towers are no longer allowed in those areas.
Rep. Palmer spoke in support of **H 27**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Thompson** made a motion to send **H 27** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 24851:** **Chris Jensen**, Administrator, Division of Building Safety, presented **RS 24851** which deals with remuneration of plumbing board members and its negative impact on the retirement savings programs of some of the board members. The proposed legislation changes the compensation for board members of the Idaho Plumbing Board from a salary to an honorarium. Many part-time board members are self-employed and have their own retirement accounts. Participation in PERSI can have negative tax consequences on those private retirement plans.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 24851**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 24856:** **Chris Jensen**, Division of Building Safety, presented **RS 24856**. The proposed legislation clarifies language and moves existing authority from the Public Works Contractor Licensing Board to the administrator in order to expedite and better address disputes that may be brought forward, without requiring formal board action.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to introduce **RS 24856**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24948: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 24948**. Rep. Nate stated Idaho property owners are currently allowed to do their own electrical work in their primary residence or associated outbuildings without requiring the property owner to be a licensed electrician. The proposed legislation would allow homeowners to do electrical work in or on their residence, outbuildings and the land as well (for example, install a light for a flagpole or walkway).

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 24948**. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Reps. Kloc, Nye** and **Toone** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary