

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017

TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Gestrin, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, King, Wintrow, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Gestrin, Dixon, DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Alan Frew, Division of Motor Vehicles Administrator, Idaho Transportation Department; Jonathan Parker, Idaho Association of Highway Districts

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

S 1086: **Rep. Kauffman** presented **S 1086**. The purpose of the change to IC40-1304 is to allow adequate time to fill a vacancy to highway district commissioner positions in the event a vacancy occurs. Rather than being open for 10 days, the vacancy to the highway district commissioner position would now be open for 30 days.

MOTION: **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to send **S 1086** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1107: **Chairman Palmer** presented **S 1107**. The purpose of this legislation is to allow the free market to determine prices for the Commercial Driver's License skills testing organization with a cap at \$190. The Idaho Transportation Department will continue to receive \$10 for administrative purposes. So, the total maximum fee that can be charged will be \$200.

In response to committee questions, **Chairman Palmer** stated the bill is a way of addressing the needs of isolated testers. In the event that there is only one skills tester in an area, as there is/was in Twin Falls, that individual could charge the maximum amount if there was no competition.

In response to committee questions, **Alan Frew**, Motor Vehicle Administrator, Idaho Transportation Department, stated there are a total of 57 third-party testers throughout the state, a decline from 64 testers in the previous year due to the inability to charge enough to cover basic costs. If one third-party tester in an area is charging too much, an individual can find another somewhere else.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Frew** stated there is a set fee, and the Idaho Transportation Department will always retain \$10. Where it before said \$60 and now says \$190, it is because the maximum amount that can be collected is \$200, with \$10 going to ITD. The difference is between \$60 and \$70, and \$190 and \$200. It is the \$190 that changes the language to say "not more than."

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **S 1107** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Harris spoke in support of the motion, citing the free market.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2017 meeting with the exception of two changes: adding "is" on Page 2, Paragraph 1, and changing "ordinance" to "ordinances" on Page 4, Paragraph 1. The latter change was discarded and the original diction rephrased in the minutes for clarification purposes.

Rep. Packer requested an additional change to the minutes, stating that instead of saying the issue affects cities outside of Ada County, the minutes should elaborate by saying "this is not just an Ada County issue, but one that deeply affects all 44 counties in the State."

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 P.M.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Jasmine Platt
Secretary