

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott, Smith, Jordan

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Palmer

GUESTS: Joe Leckie, Program Manager, Idaho Public Utilities Commission; Russell Westerberg, RMD, Fred Birnbaum, IFF.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, January 10, 2018; Monday, January 15, 2018; and Tuesday, January 16, 2018. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 31-1101-1701: **Commissioner Anderson**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, came to answer any follow up questions regarding **Docket No. 31-1101-1701**.

Joe Leckie, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, testified **Docket No. 31-1101-1701** may mirror international standards, but no international standards are adopted by this code.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 31-1101-1701**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25776: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, proposed legislation intended to remove the requirement candidates for local political subdivision offices, and allow the filing of campaign finance reports electronically. Local governments are not able to accept electronic filings at this time. It is the intent of the Secretary of State to begin accepting on-line filings of campaign finance reports and make them available to local entities in 2019.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to introduce **RS 25776**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Giddings** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 25776** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Zito** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Loertscher turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Monks**.

RS 25767: **Chairman Loertscher** presented **RS 25767** to the committee. This proposed legislation would require public officers and candidates for office to disclose financial interests of five thousand dollars (\$5000) or more and disclose other potential conflicts of interest. Actual amounts would not be required, nor would it require releasing tax returns. This seems to be the least intrusive manner to achieve such disclosure. In answer to committee questions Chairman Loertscher said that Idaho is one of two states that does not require any disclosure. The perception of the public is that public officials have numerous conflicts of interest and should be disclosed. If this were to be enacted by initiative, it might be much more intrusive and might require more extensive reporting that could discourage good people from running for office.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to return **RS 25767** to the sponsor.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Jordan made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 25767**.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute Motion failed by voice vote.

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Monks called for the vote on the original motion to return **RS 25767** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Jayne Feik Spinato
Secretary