

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: David Claiborne, ISATVA; Bobby Forese; Anna Canning, Dave Claycomb, Tammy Kolsky, IDPR; Sandra Mitchell, IRC; Ruby Mendez-Mota, ACLU of Idaho; Ryan McGoldrick, CUI; Murphy Olmstead, TPA's; Paul Wagner, SITPA; Len Young, CPTPA; Jane Whittmeyer; Alli Olson, ICL

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22 and January 24, 2019, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2019, Shepherd Subcommittee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26552: **Rep. Gestrin**, presented **RS 26552**, legislation regarding off-highway vehicles. He stated this proposed legislation will allow any person to receive a certificate of number on a snowmobile or off road vehicle. This also provides that if a person wrecks their off road vehicle and there is only damage to their own property, they are not required to report the incident to the police. This proposed legislation also imposes a \$22.00 fee and a certificate can be purchased for two years. In answer to committee questions, Rep. Gestrin said the fee is used for trail maintenance and some parking lot maintenance after a small administration fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 26552**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26554: **Rep. Gestrin**, presented **RS 26554**, legislation regarding off-highway vehicles for non-residents. He stated there is currently a \$12.00 fee for resident off road vehicles, this proposed legislation will impose the same fee for out-of-state users.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to introduce **RS 26554**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26673C1: **Rep. Ricks**, presented **RS 26673C1**, legislation regarding electric assisted bicycles. Rep. Ricks stated this proposed legislation will help classify electric assisted bicycles which are referred to as e-bikes. He said this proposed legislation will also provide industry standards and allow local jurisdictions to put restrictions on e-bikes.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 26673C1**.

In answering committee questions, **Rep. Ricks** said the e-bikes would have the same operator restrictions as a regular bicycle and would have the same penalties. He said there are some provisions for electric assisted bikes for use in towns and on sidewalks, but restrictions would be placed on the e-bikes at the local level. There are no restrictions for use on trails unless they are provided by local communities.

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

H 24: **Rep. Addis**, presented **H 24**, legislation regarding utility vehicle weight restrictions. He said this legislation will remove weight restrictions for utility vehicles. He said the Idaho Transportation Department and Department of Parks and Recreation have expressed no issues with this legislation. **Rep. Gannon** expressed concern over safety issues with the vehicles having no windshield. **Rep. Addis** stated the definition of an automobile in Idaho Code is far different than the definition of a UTV in Idaho Code and this would not affect automobiles.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 24** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Addis** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Susan Werlinger
Secretary