

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 07, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Stevenson, Armstrong, Clow, Monks, Andrus, Furniss, Nichols, Raymond, Smith, Berch, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Monks

GUESTS: Dianne Cromwell, Susan Gambee, Shorthand Reporters Board, Woody Richards, American Family, Farm Bureau, Allstate, John Mackey, United Heritage, Nick Gourley, Jeff Neumeyer, United Heritage, Kelley Packer, Rep. Hartgen

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, and January 29, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 46: **Rep. Hartgen** presented **H 46**, legislation adding the Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC) exam to the list of Idaho Certified Shorthand Reporters Board-approved exams, allowing online exam testing, providing a pathway to licensure by endorsement for applicants who have passed a national exam and have been working for three of the past five years in another state. This legislation will provide more flexibility to applicants and licensees, provide additional pathways to licensure for out-of-state applicants, and enhance portability between Idaho and other states.

Susan Gambee of the Shorthand Reporters Board explained the goal is to be up with other states and not in competition.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 46** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hartgen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 45: **Rep. Furniss** presented **H 45**, legislation to reduce apprenticeship training hour requirement to qualify for driving business instructor licensure from sixty (60) to thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction, and to reduce the number of behind-the-wheel training hours from one hundred eight (108) to sixteen (16) hours. An emergency clause for this legislation is requested to allow its early implementation for the benefit of applicants. These changes reduce barriers to licensure and employment for driving business instructors. **Director Packer** confirmed sixteen hours is in line with the State Department of Education Driving teachers.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 45** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS
26745C1:** **John Mackey** presented **RS 26745C1**, proposed legislation updating Idaho Insurance Code dealing with investment and reporting requirements for domestic insurers, clarifying disclosure requirements regarding an officer or director's investments, and add a limited disclosure exemption for certain investments commonly found in 401k or other retirement accounts. Clarification is provided regarding investment allowances for land and buildings used for home office purposes and adjusts the allowable investment levels for miscellaneous, bringing them in line with most states.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 26745C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Keith Bybee, Dept. of Finance, presented information regarding the Department of Finance, a regulatory agency charged with the supervision and oversight of state-chartered financial institutions, regulated lenders, securities issuers, broker-dealers and stockbrokers, residential mortgage brokers and lenders, investment advisers and sales personnel, collection agencies, endowed care cemeteries, and others. Through prudent and efficient oversight of financial institutions, investment opportunities, and credit transactions, this is accomplished. Administration of laws enacted by the Idaho Legislature, legitimate financial transactions are encouraged, while fraud, unsafe practices, and unlawful conduct are detected and appropriate enforcement action is taken. The department administers and enforces twenty three regulatory statutes and is funded entirely by fees levied by law on the industries subject to its supervision. Agency budget request for the Executive Branch, which includes twenty executive departments and seven offices for statewide elected officials, the Judicial Branch, and the Legislative Branch. Included is the Governor's recommendation that provides the Legislature with a side-by-side comparison of each agency's budget request and the Governor's budget recommendation. Policy oversight is emphasized by grouping and displaying minor programs at the agency or divisional level, and clearly displaying and comparing the key policy budget decision that need to be made.

Christine Otto, Budget and Policy Analyst, explained the Division of Building Safety administers ten programs and houses eight boards. The ten programs include: the Electrical Program, Plumbing Program, Building Program, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Program, Underground Damage Prevention Program, Office of School Safety and Security Program, Elevator Program, Industrial Safety Program, Logging Program, and Public Works Contractor Licensing Program. The eight Boards include: the Electrical Board; Plumbing Board; the Idaho Building Code Board; the Public Works Contractor License Board; the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Board; the Factory Built Structures Advisory Board; the Damage Prevention Board; and the School Safety and the Security Advisory Board.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary