

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 27, 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:** None

GUESTS: John Nielsen, DBS, Patrick Grace, DBS, Warren Wing, DBS, John Eaten (AC)

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Green(18)** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019.
Motion carried by voice vote.

S 1008: **Rep. Nichols** presented **S 1008**, legislation changing the length of apprentice registrations from five years to one year, allowing in-state and out-of-state applicants to take the electrical journeyman's examination after working sixteen thousand hours on the job, requires filing of and online access to employment verification forms for all licensees and registrants, and allows the administrator to revive expired apprentice and limited electrical installer trainee registrations. In-state journeyman electrician applicants must attend four years of school and work eight thousand hours on the job. Out-of-state journeyman electrician applicants must attend four years of school and work eight thousand hours on the job, or work sixteen thousand hours on the job. The Idaho Electrical Board (Board) and the electrical industry in Idaho determined these requirements have been difficult for the Division of Building Safety (Division) to enforce and for many in the trade to achieve, creating barriers to entering and remaining in the trade.

In answer to committee questions, **Warren Wing** explained yearly fees, stating apprentice registration is \$25. The renewal would be every year, rather than every five years, and an increase of \$25.

Chris Jensen, Director of Building Safety, said it takes four or five years to become licensed, and if the apprentices don't make it in 5 years they became ineligible to reapply. Under the rule they may sign up every year as an apprentice and extension can be made for 10 years.

Rep. Nichols closed stating this bill will allow more journeymen to continue their apprenticeships as they can register yearly instead of trying to complete it in four or five years.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1008** on the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane and Chairman Dixon** invoked Rule 38. **Rep. Nichols** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 1012: **Rep. Green (18)** presented **S 1012**, legislation requiring the Public Works Contractors License Board (Board) to "hold not less than four regular meetings each year, on a day not later than the fifteenth day of the month in each of the months of January, April, July and October." Many state boards only require two meetings per year. The Board finds it difficult to coordinate four meetings per year within strict time frames, especially in years the Board must hold additional special meetings for statutorily mandated purposes. Idaho Code requires the Board to be composed of eight members. Idaho Code requires four members for a quorum of the Board. This will change the number of meetings the Board must hold from four per year to two per year and remove the requirement that the Board meet by the fifteenth day of specific months, and changes the quorum requirement from four members of the Board to a majority of the Board. Changing the quorum requirement will ensure the actions of the Board are more representative of the desires of the entire Board and make it less likely the Board's votes will result in a tie.

Rep. Green(18) deferred to **Patrick Grace** who explained there would still be an election of officers.

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to send **S 1012** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green(18)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1013: **Sen. Martin** presented **S 1013**, legislation currently requiring one Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Board (Board) member to be a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) specialty contractor. The Division of Building Safety (Division) and the Board have had difficulty filling this position with a qualified, willing specialty contractor. This proposal will require one Board member to be a representative of the HVAC industry, instead of an HVAC specialty contractor, allowing the Board and Division to adequately fill this position, while ensuring this position represents the interests of the HVAC industry.

John Nielsen said there are less than twenty five HVAC contractors in the state.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **S 1013** on the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary