

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 01, 2019

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Harris, Senators Hill, Winder, Vick, Anthon, Souza, and Stennett

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Buckner-Webb

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CONVENED: **Chairwoman Lodge** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:01 a.m. with a quorum present.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairwoman Lodge** asked for unanimous consent that the agenda be amended to move **H 157** to the top of the agenda. There being no objections, **H 157** was taken up first.

H 157 **RELATING TO ALCOHOL** to provide for an exception for theaters built prior to 1950.

Representative Erpelding explained that **H 157** allows historic theaters built before 1950 and those acknowledged by the National Register of Historic Places to sell beer and wine. Theaters in small communities are typically the center piece in downtown, they have provided areas with a potential to bring in revenue by leasing the venues for events such as weddings. There are 13 operating theaters that would benefit from an increase in leasing interest and sales. Two theaters that fit these parameters were not on the list as they were non-operational.

MOTION: **Senator Stennett** moved to send **H 157** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Vice Chairman Harris** requested that be recorded as voting nay.

RS 26983 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST** from the Resources and Environment Committee relating to Fish and Game to revise provisions regarding payment of certain damages caused by depredation.

Senator Bracket stated the intent was to place a cap on the amount paid on any single depredation claim, not to exceed 10 percent of the appropriated money in the depredation claim, and applies to pass-through or other household members.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Harris** moved to send **RS 26983** to print. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 26994 **RELATED TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY** to provide for broadband service and to provide a certain exemption for a non-profit corporation.

Will Hart, Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association, said **RS 26994** regards unclaimed patronage capital credits and replaces **S 1132**, which was presented to the Committee the week prior. Two changes took place, requested by the State Treasurer.

MOTION: **Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 26994** to print. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

- RS 27009** **RELATING TO LOBBYING** to modify Sunshine Law definitions and procedures pertaining to Lobbyists and Lobbyist reporting.
- Chad Houck**, Deputy Secretary of State, said the intention was to replace **S 1137**, which was not heard by the Committee. In order to incorporate requests and additional information, a redraft took place.
- MOTION:** **Senator Souza** moved to send **RS 27009** to print. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- RS 26970** **RELATING TO EXPLODING TARGETS** to make Idaho Code on state lands consistent with federal lands laws.
- Senator Stennett** said the purpose was to assimilate Idaho and federal lands code prohibiting incendiary devices during the designated fire season. The offense will be classified as a misdemeanor, sentencing and recovery of damages are at the judge's discretion. Private property does not apply.
- MOTION:** **Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 26970** to print. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- H 156** **RELATING TO FIREARMS** to amend a definition of what constitutes a retired law enforcement officer.
- Representative Scott** explained that **H 156** regards card 218, a special concealed carry card for retired law enforcement officers. Currently, the regulations require 15 years of service before an officer is issued the concealed weapons carry card; **H 156** seeks to shorten the time to 10 years.
- MOTION:** **Senator Anthon** moved to send **H 156** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- S 1040** **RELATING TO LIQUOR** related to the issuance of state liquor licenses.
- Senator Rice** explained that **S 1040** was held in Committee to allow interested parties time to contemplate and adapt the bill. He asked they send **S 1040** to the 14th Order for possible amendment. Changes were made since **S 1040** was held in Committee.
- DISCUSSION:** **Senator Vick** expressed concern with sending **S 1040** to the 14th Order as the changes were extensive, requiring more time to digest.
- TESTIMONY:** **Rod Neilsen**, testifying on behalf of himself, concurred that time was necessary to read and understand the bill.
- MOTION:** **Senator Anthon** moved that **S 1040** be held subject to the call of the Chair. **Vice Chairman Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- ADJOURNED:** There being no further business, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Senator Lodge, Chair

Twyla Melton, Secretary

Assisted by Bryce Delay