

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 27, 2020

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Kingsley, Syme, Christensen, Giddings, Wisniewski, Chew, Abernathy, Ellis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Don Drum, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI); Cheryl Georg, PERSI; Mike Hampton, PERSI; Stephen Phillips, The Car Park; Barry Miller, DPW; Andrew Pallin, Segner Contractors; Andy Snook, AGO; Keith Reynolds, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Administration

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

H 350: **Keith Reynolds**, Idaho Department of Administration, Deputy Director, presented **H 350**. He explained this legislation adds a section to the Code to allow a parking vendor contract for after-hours parking in the State Capitol mall. State parking lots are currently maintained by rental fees charged to state property occupants. Increased property values and rising rates of out-of-town visitors parking unlawfully in State permit-only lots evenings and weekends has increased cost escalation. The solution, Mr. Reynolds stated, based on the input of impacted parties, would be to charge for evening and weekend parking instead of simply citing violators. The underlying theme of this bill is opportunity to provide parking to visitors, to use state assets to their highest value, and provide revenue to upkeep the mall. In response to questions, Mr. Reynolds responded a conservative estimate for 206 parking spaces would be \$200,000 net gain. He admitted working out daytime visitor parking and communicating the policy change will be critical to the initiative's success. Employees will still have parking in the evenings and on weekends.

MOTION: **Rep. Ellis** made a motion to send **H 350** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Anderst** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 357: **Keith Reynolds**, Idaho Department of Administration Deputy Director, explained **H 357** amends the Code to provide plans and specific approval requirements by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council. This legislation would be a definitive document for proposed office space. Mr. Reynolds referred to the concerns at the Chinden campus. Moving forward, this bill would support efficiently designed space and lowering costs. He mentioned **Barry Miller** from the Division of Public Works would be available for questions. In response to questions, Mr. Reynolds stated environmental building standards are outside the Department of Administration's purview of enforcement.

MOTION: **Rep. Ellis** made a motion to send **H 357** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Anderst** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 27267: **Mike Hampton**, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI), presented **RS 27267**. He stated it would provide a correct code reference linking sections 59-1352 and 59-1352A to enforce the original intent of the Code. A member would have to qualify for disability to be eligible for the additional disability available.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 27267**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27282: **Mike Hampton**, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI), explained **RS 27282** clarifies qualifying classes for the Rule of 80 for retirement purposes. The intent is to clarify by rule of law, remove subjectivity, and clear a path to new approvals. In response to questions, Mr. Hampton stated PERSI drafted the legislation after meeting with stakeholders to clearly define who fits the rule. He explained that the adjustment deleted excess language and focused on titles the legislature had approved in the past without deleting or adding positions. Those who are currently in the pool will stay there, but in the future the pool will be reduced for those who aren't explicitly stated in the legislation. Some phrases were omitted to help clarify the intent of the legislation to bring changes to the rule to the legislature instead of the board. **Director Don Drum**, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI), clarified in response to questions, PERSI's intent is to balance the growth that has happened in the state since the Great Recession.

MOTION: **Rep. Anderson** made a motion to introduce **RS 27282**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27285: **Mike Hampton**, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI), introduced **RS 27285**. He explained it would amend section 59-1311 to exempt actuarial management personnel from the provisions of Chapter 53, Title 67 and Section 67-3519 of the Idaho Code. He stated that DFM and DHR were both involved in the decision.

MOTION: **Rep. Ellis** made a motion to introduce **RS 27285**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Emilee Pugh Bell
Secretary