

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 17, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Monks, Hartgen

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Harris** called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

**H 502:** **Rep. McCrostie** said **H 502** removes the "native-born" clause from current statute to allow home brewers to use foreign-grown plants in the brewing process. **H 502** also locks in the quantity of alcohol home brewers are able to produce.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. McCrostie** said part of **H 502** does quote federal code.

**David Reish**, Snake River Brewers, said there is currently a gray area of interpretation in the statute and gave a quick history of native and foreign plant use and craft beer. Mr. Reish said home brewers want to create a dialogue with the state and this amendment is the first step in doing so.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to send **H 502** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1243:** **Rep. Crane** said **S 1243** is a cleanup bill that removes a duplicate section of statute that addresses the equitable distribution of government overhead expenses.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **S 1243** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1244:** **Rep. Andrus** said **S 1244** was a cleanup bill that came from DFM and addresses purchases of equipment and ensures that all purchases and reports regarding those purchases comply with standards.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **S 1244** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1245:** **Rep. Andrus** said **S 1245** is another cleanup bill from DFM that provides some exemptions for reporting public deposits of funds for some rural areas.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **S 1245** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

In response to a committee question, **Chairman Harris** said he could not tell the committee when **H 507** would be on the agenda and he would not hear testimony about it during this meeting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

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Representative Harris  
Chair

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Devon Powers  
Secretary