

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representative(s) Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Barbieri, Clow
GUESTS: Brody Aston, Westerberg & Associates
Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.
MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 28487: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 28487** to the Committee stating this proposed legislation was the same as the previous versions he had introduced, but with amended code citations and provisions for currently standing committees who may not be in compliance.
MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 28487**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 28427: **Rep. Okuniewicz** presented **RS 28427** to the Committee stating it would require community reentry programs to apply for a special use permit before opening. He stated community reentry programs are for pre-release prisoners and allow them to go out into the world to work while still serving their terms. The Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) currently has no requirements to notify residents of areas before they open one of these centers. This has lead to animosity for the program but adoption of a special use permit process has helped in some cases. This legislation is not to stop reentry centers from being opened but is to provide a structure to allow for negotiation between IDOC and County Commissioners. It would also allow the opportunity for public hearings and public input.
In response to Committee questions **Rep. Okuniewicz** stated he had not spoken to the IDOC nor any other related agencies about this legislation prior to bringing it before the Committee but planned to meet with them before it comes to the Committee as a bill. He then further clarified the difference between a half-way house and a reentry program, stating this proposed legislation deals only with reentry centers and not with any issues surrounding halfway houses. He also clarified this proposed legislation was directed at state agencies and not local municipalities, so any problems falling under the purview of a municipality would not be covered under this legislation.
MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to introduce **RS 28427**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary