

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, February 22, 2021
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Nick Veldhouse, IAHD; Matthew Conde, AAA; Chyla Wilson, Farm Bureau; Adam Ackerman, Roger Hott, ID Asphalt Supply; Allen Hodges, Jason Kreisenbeck, ITA
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 112:** **Rep. Monks** presented **H 112**. He said this bill provides a mechanism for governmental agencies that receive highway funding, to receive a rebate for sales and use taxes collected and remitted to the state tax commission. The taxes are sometimes collected and paid on road materials used in the construction, repair or replacement of highways, streets, roads and/or alleys. Currently those taxes are collected differently on road materials depending upon who owns the vehicles placing the road materials on the ground. Consequently, money set aside for transportation is being funneled off and deposited into the general fund. This legislation will ensure monies designated for transportation are used for transportation.
- Testifying **in support** of the bill were **Nick Veldhouse**, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Highway Districts; **Matthew Conde**, AAA; **Chyla Wilson**, Farm Bureau, and **Adam Ackerman**, Regional Sales Director, Idaho Asphalt Supply.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **H 112** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Youngblood** invoked **Rule 80** stating a possible conflict of interest. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 154:** **Rep. Adams** presented **H 154**. He said this bill amends current code to provide that certain counties may opt out of vehicle inspection and maintenance programs under specified conditions.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Addis** made a motion to send **H 154** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon, Rubel**, and **McCrostie** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Adams** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 160:** **Roy Eiguren**, representing Amalgamated Sugar Company, presented **H 160**. Mr. Eiguren said in 2019 the Legislature enacted legislation that established processes and fees for local authorities and the Idaho Transportation Department to designate routes and issue permits allowing vehicles with certain Gross Vehicle Weight to access highways and streets under their jurisdictions. The legislation contained sunset clauses to allow interested parties the opportunity to determine the effectiveness of the processes and fees contained in the legislation. All interested parties have requested this legislation to remove the sunset clauses.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 160** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. Speaking to her motion, Rep. DeMordaunt commended **Mr. Eiguren** and all concerned parties for coming to a workable agreement on the initial bill, following a long negotiating process. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 28631:** **Rep. Gestrin** described the proposed legislation, which details voluntary snowmobile user fees, and disbursement of those fees.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28631** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Harris, Mitchell, Monks** and **Blanksma** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Palmer** introduced **Taylor Jepson**, committee Page. She will be with the committee for the last half of the session. Taylor is the daughter of **Mark** and **Stacey Jepson** of Nampa, Idaho, where she attends Ridgeview High School. Taylor is sponsored by **Reps. Skaug** and **Youngblood.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary