

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 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:** Reps. Blanksma, Addis

GUESTS: Brian Goeke, ITD; Bonnie Voves, self; Lance Giles, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance; Matthew Conde, AAA; Steve Price, Jason Kreizenbeck, ACHD

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

S 1101: **Jason Kreizenbeck**, Ada County Highway District, presented **S 1101**.

Steve Price, General Council, Ada County Highway District, explained the legislation. The bill deals with the development of existing, but unimproved or undeveloped subdivision plats and the reconfiguration of dedicated public right-of-way within a platted subdivision.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **S 1101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Price** and **Mr. Kreizenbeck** clarified certain points in the bill.

Rep. Youngblood declared Rule 80.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 320: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **H 320**. This legislation removes the mandatory driver's education requirement, includes Graduated Driver's License rules and allows parents the option to teach their children to drive.

Chairman Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman DeMordaunt**.

Rep. Mitchell answered committee questions. He respectfully requested the bill be sent to General Orders.

Bonnie Voves, Co-sponsor, said the bill does not outlaw driver's education classes. It simply offers parents the option to give their teens guided driving practice in a legal manner. All drivers are required to pass the same state-mandated driving test, whether they have taken driver's education classes or not.

Committee questions were addressed relative to funding, city driving versus rural driving, safety features of driver education vehicles, teen driver statistics and possible unintended consequences of the legislation.

Speaking **in opposition** to the bill were **Lance Giles**, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance, and **Matthew Conde** representing AAA and Idaho American Casualty Property Insurers. They expressed concern for parent taught drivers and the likelihood of an increase in accidents.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 320** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 320** in committee.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made an amended substitute motion to send **H 320** to General Orders.

VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Vice Chairman DeMordaunt** called for a vote on the amended substitute motion to send **H 320** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Vice Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary