

MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 20, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Wisniewski, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Amador, Armstrong, Furniss, Hartgen, Lickley, Young, Adams, Yamamoto, Chew, Necochea, Nash

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Vander Woude, Amador, Furniss, Hartgen, Lickley

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

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

MOTION: **Rep. Nash** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29171: **Rep. Okuniewicz** presented **RS 29171**, which amends Idaho code by proportionately shifting the financial burden away from vessels that present the least amount of risk, and moving it toward those that present the greatest risk for the introduction of invasive species into Idaho waterways. He explained that some fees needed to be adjusted in the proposed legislation based on new information he had just received to keep changing revenue neutral.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29171** with the following changes: Line 18 the fee would change from \$75 to \$85, and Line 23 the fee would change from \$50 to \$70.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Okuniewicz** stated that major stakeholders and specialists were consulted for this legislation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a substitute motion to return **RS 29171** to the sponsor for edits.

In speaking against the substitute motion, **Rep. Scott** explained by making the changes in committee, the legislation is edited.

Rep. Chew expressed concerns that the proposed legislation might not be ready if mistakes in the fee calculations were just recently found.

VOTE ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a vote on the substitute motion to return **RS 29171** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Ehardt** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 29171** with changes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Maggie Price
Secretary