

MINUTES
HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 08, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Addis, Representatives Moyle, Chaney, Gestrin, Dixon, Nichols, Kauffman, Adams, Cannon, Hartgen, Manwaring, Okuniewicz, Weber, Shepherd, Necochea, Ruchti

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Chaney, Adams

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the secretary's office; 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 9:00 a.m.

H 735: **Rep. Weber** presented **H 735**. He said this legislation repeals the county Charity and Indigent Fund Levy, providing property tax relief to Idahoans in the current fiscal year and into the future.

Kelley Packer, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Cities, spoke **in opposition** to the bill. She voiced concerns about the cities' service needs and the current distribution of sales tax to the local districts. Ms. Packer and **Rep. Moyle** exchanged opinions relative to public defense funding and tax relief.

Seth Grigg, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Counties, spoke **in support** of the bill. He said the bill will establish a dedicated funding stream for public defender services and bring public defense stakeholders together to propose an alternative public defense delivery system. The bill provides property tax relief and repeals the county Charity Property Tax Levy, as well as the county Medically Indigent Program. In answer to committee questions, he went into more detail relative to funding for the public defense system, distribution of sales tax and the timing for setting levies.

MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **H 735** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Certain committee members expressed the need for more information and time to study the bill. **Rep. Cannon** reserved the right to change his vote on the floor.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Weber** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Representative Harris
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary