

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 07, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Ehlers, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Dixon(1), Andrus, Furniss, Mitchell, Cornilles, Crane(12), Lanting, Petzke, Redman, Berch (Bratnober), Green (Ruckh), Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Ehlers, Redman

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

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

RS 31116: **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 31116** which makes minor changes to the 1941 medical lien statute to deal with the way modern medical billing works. It helps patients by making sure those who have purchased private medical insurance receive the benefits they have purchased. It still protects medical providers allowing for liens in injury cases for the fair value of the services. It gives the providers an additional time period for filing a medical lien after a citizen's health insurance has processed the medical bills to ensure medical providers get paid all of a fair negotiated value for their services. It prevents providers from overbilling and imposing inflated charges on the liability insurance companies when private health insurance is available to pay.

MOTION: **Rep. Bratnober** made a motion to introduce **RS 31116**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31080C1: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 31080C1** which amends Idaho Code sections 55-2301, 55-2304, 55-2306, 55-2308 and 55-2309; relating to self-storage facilities. Amendments include definition updates and clarifying language for consumers and operators.

Rep. Vander Woude introduced **Tim Olson**, National Self-storage Association, to further explain the legislation. Mr. Olson shared the legislation intends to clarify the relationship between the lessee and lessor. Mr. Olson requested consideration for a drafting edit. He explained the requested changes.

Committee members expressed concern about the proposed edits.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to return **RS 31080C1** to sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31046: **Rep. Mickelsen** presented **RS 31046** proposed legislation which clarifies current Idaho statute regarding what mortuary or crematoriums are allowed to do with unclaimed ashes. This legislation will allow for a respectful disposition of unclaimed ashes.

Rep. Barbieri expressed he would like to know what the disposal options are at the bill hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31046**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 31148:** **Kathy Peterson** presented **RS 31148** explaining the legislation is an amendment to Idaho Code chapter 18, title 41 concerning the notice of lapse or termination of individual life insurance. It aims to grant the policy owner and any designated third party the option, at no cost, to request that all lapsing life insurance policies receive a notice of lapse via certified United States mail with return receipt, ten days before the lapse takes effect. The responsibility for the certified mailing costs would fall on the insurance company whenever a policy lapses due to non-payment, termination, or the end of the term policy. Ms. Peterson shared her family's experience with a lapsed insurance policy.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31148**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31186:** **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 31186** which clarifies no public utility or building code shall require a tenant of a commercial building to only use a single electrical meter. Rep. Palmer explained policy is being changed by a public utility to force tenants who rent more than one commercial space to buy large and expensive equipment.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to introduce **RS 31186**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31048C1:** **Rep. Ehlers** presented **RS 31048C1** which updates all licensure renewals under the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses to a biennial renewal cycle, with an expiration date at the licensee's birth month. This will allow for consistency in renewal cycles throughout the division as well as spreading the licensing workload and income throughout the year.
- Reps. Crane (13), Crane (12), Furniss, Dixon (1), Ehlers, and Redman** declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31048C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31214:** **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 31214** which clarifies existing Idaho law by ensuring citizens' right to rent their property is maintained. This legislation protects property owners by allowing local governments to regulate short-term rentals only in cases where it is in the interest of public health and safety. In addition, the legislation calls for safety disclosures by property owners and allows for local jurisdictions to license short-term rentals.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31214**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Michelle A Anderson
Secretary