

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

TIME: 2:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Ehardt, Young, Cannon, Erickson, Alfieri, Allgood, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Garner, Handy, Lambert, Sauter, Wroten, Gannon, Mathias, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Ehardt and Sauter

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.

Vice Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Wroten** made a motion to approve the February 19, 2024 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 494: **Rep. Crane (12)** and **Jeff Nye**, Chief Deputy, Idaho Office of the Attorney General, presented **H 494** regarding combatting commercial sex trafficking.

Vice Chairman Scott turned the gavel over to **Chairman Skaug**.

Committee inquired regarding removed language, clarity in definitions of "commercial sex trafficking" and "victims of human trafficking", evidentiary basis between a victim and a commercial seller of sex, resources needed for an additional attorney, transient nature of commercial sex trafficking, database of perpetrators, and an overview of human trafficking data.

Paula Barthelmess testified in support.

Jay Logson, Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, testified in opposition.

Committee inquired regarding quantity of sex trafficking performed by family members, cartels, and deviants, scenarios involving women who have been victims of commercial sex trafficking, and solutions to preventing the unknowing transportation of commercial sex traffickers.

MOTION: **Rep. Wroten** made a motion to send **H 494** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 575: **Rep. Young** and **Rep. Gannon** presented **H 575** regarding malicious disclosure of explicit AI generated media.

Jonathan Wheatley, **Grace Howat**, Idaho Family Policy Center, and **Jeff Nye**, Chief Deputy, Idaho Office of the Attorney General, testified in support.

Committee inquired regarding tactics to stop incidents of explicit AI exploitation and effectiveness of legislation in the future.

MOTION: **Rep. Wroten** made a motion to send **H 575** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Young** and **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 520: **Rep. Young** presented **H 520** regarding no public funding for gender transition.

Mark Bryan, Mary Ellen Nourse, Mark Eaton, and Thad Butterworth testified in support.

Isaac Craghtten, Nikson Matthews, Amy Dundon, American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho, **Anthony Loper, Micah McDonald, and Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman**, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, testified in opposition.

Committee inquired regarding tax paying adults and elective surgeries, the ability of state employees to receive insurance coverage for hormone therapy, the impact on intersex individuals, Constitutional standing regarding elective surgeries and Medicaid, insurance coverage process regarding puberty blockers, equal rights, frequency of state dollars used for gender transition therapy, the contrast between surgeries to remove harmful body parts as opposed to surgeries to remove healthy body parts, exceptions for adults and children, and explanation of applicable health-care facilities.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 520** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Mathias, Achilles,** and **Garner** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Young** and **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary