

MINUTES  
**HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2016

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Hartgen (Hartgen), Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Holtzclaw, Romrell, Chaney, Horman, Nielsen, Packer, Redman, King, Chew (Wallace), Rudolph

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Don Drum, Kelly Cross, Mike Hampton, Joanna Guilfooy, PERSI; Megan Ronk, Amanda Ames, Dennis Porter, Ragan Minor, Carmen Achabal, Matt Borud, Dept. of Commerce; Brad Hunt, O.A.R.C.; Miguel Leqarock, Realtors

**Vice Chairman Anderson** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Vice Chairman Anderson** introduced **Mrs. Hartgen** who is filling in for **Chairman Hartgen** while he is out.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 28-0201-1501:** **Megan Ronk**, Director, Idaho Department of Commerce, presented **Docket No. 28-0201-1501**. The changes in this Rule will help the Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program align with its Consolidated Plan, eliminate confusing language, comply with the Code of Federal Regulations, and help facilitate increasing interest from Idaho cities and counties. The change will better define program eligible activities, expand the Senior and Community Center set-aside to include public parks, and update verbiage and terminology.

In response to committee questions **Dennis Porter**, Idaho Department of Commerce, explained the reason for some of the verbiage is to leave the definitions broad so that people are not discouraged from applying for Grants. Mr. Porter also clarified that the funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Idaho receives \$7.7 million, which are then distributed following federal regulations. The reason the matching funds are slightly lower is to bring in more health clinics, hospitals, shelters, fire stations etc.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 28-0201-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nielsen** requested to be recorded as **NAY**.

**RS 24030C1:** **Megan Ronk**, Director, Idaho Department of Commerce, presented **RS 24030C1**. The proposed legislation will make several important changes to the existing Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission statute. This legislation will focus on the statute that allocated the 1 million to the Idaho Department of Commerce under IGEMS for commercialization grants supporting university and industry research partnership. The change provides clarification in the programs administration and the distribution of commercialization revenue from sponsored projects.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to introduce **RS 24030C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 59-0103-1402:** **Don Drum**, Executive Director, PERSI, presented **Docket No. 59-0103-1402**. This rule would eliminate the contribution rate increases for employers and employees.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Horman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 59-0103-1402. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 59-0103-1403:** **Don Drum**, Executive Director, PERSI, presented **Docket No. 59-0103-1403.** This rule would reduce the excess merger cost portion of the firefighter retirement fund employer rate from 17.24% to 5%.

**MOTION:** **Rep. King** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 59-0103-1403. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Representative Anderson  
Vice Chair

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Chelsea Cantrell  
Secretary