

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2016
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Luker, Vice Chairman Sims, Representatives Barbieri, Perry, Clow, Horman, Malek, Collins, Cheatham, Loertscher, Redman, Kloc, McCrostie, Nye
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives, Barbieri, Horman
GUESTS: Meghan Conrad, Meridian Cemetery District; Jonathan Parker, City of Caldwell; Seth Grigg, Association of Idaho Cities

Chairman Luker called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

H 496: **Seth Grigg**, Executive Director, Association of Idaho Cities, presented **H 496**. This legislation would require a city or cemetery district to pass a resolution when a cemetery plot has been vacant for over 50 years. The city or cemetery district would then be required to serve notice to the owner of record of the resolution and if that person cannot be contacted they must identify any potential heirs and notify them of the existence of the plot. If no one is identified they will be required to post it in the paper for 3 weeks. After 60 days if no one comes forward and express's interest in using that plot then it would revert back to the city or cemetery districts ownership. There is language in the bill that states if after the city or cemetery district has gained ownership over a lot and a owner or heir of that lot comes forward they would be entitled to that lot. If that lot was resold the owner or heir would be entitled to another lot in that cemetery or the value of the original lot.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Grigg** explained that every possible heir to a lot will be notified and just one heir has to come forward and express they want that lot.

In response to committee questions **Aaron Seable**, Attorney, explained when they issue the new conveyance document which would include language that states a revisionary clause that would have 30-50 years built in.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to send **H 496** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 P.M.

Representative Luker
Chair

Chelsea Cantrell
Secretary