

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018

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

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, King, Wintrow, Gannon

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. McDonald

**GUESTS:** Nick Veldhouse, IAHD, Matthew Conde, AAA, Pat Carr, ITD, Alberto Gonzalez, ITD, Savannah Renslow, IAHD, R. Seiber, CapitolWest, Bruce Wong, ACHD, Siana Carlsrud, Intern, Jack Lyman, Idaho Housing Alliance

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25883C1:** **Sen. Hagedorn** presented **RS 25883C1**. Sen. Hagedorn stated all passenger and light truck motor vehicles from 2007 and newer are now equipped with an Onboard Diagnostics computer system that checks vehicle emissions. Vehicle emissions testing is being performed in Ada and Canyon Counties under the Treasure Valley Airshed. Currently, vehicles five years old or newer are exempt from emissions testing. Data shows that from 2008 testing and forward emissions failures have been significantly reduced on these vehicles. **RS 25883C1** amends the exemption from vehicles five years old and newer to 2007 and newer.

In answer to committee questions, **Sen. Hagedorn** stated he has consulted with and received data from DEQ on this issue, and that data will be presented at a future committee meeting after this proposed legislation becomes a Bill. Sen. Hagedorn further stated an experienced car repairman with a tuner can figure out how to modify computer systems in vehicles. Testing organizations know the number of vehicles that have failed the emissions testing, and they know how many failures are due to personal modification.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to introduce **RS 25883C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25978:** **Rep. Syme** presented **RS 25978**. Rep. Syme stated this proposed legislation seeks to remove the paragraph in Idaho Code 49-652 that states a school safety patrol may properly report violations to any peace officer. This change does not prevent a student from reporting violations to anyone.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25978**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 25870:** **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 25870**. This proposed legislation addresses an unsafe situation on interstate controlled access highways, and clarifies that vehicles traveling in the left-hand lane of a highway cannot impede other vehicles traveling at the legally posted speed limit. This change does not require slower moving vehicles to avoid the left lane, but it establishes a requirement that vehicles moving in the left lane to pass a vehicle that is impeding their chosen speed in the right lane need to make a safe pass that does not impede the legal flow of traffic in the left lane.
- MOTION:** **Rep. King** made a motion to introduce **RS 25870**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 364:** **Molly McCarty**, Idaho Department of Transportation, presented **H 364**. Currently, drivers of overlimit truck loads are required to present overlimit permits in paper form to peace officers upon demand. The paper permits can get worn out, lost, or damaged, which requires drivers to request a duplicate permit. Since, overlimit permits are stored in electronic format, this legislation will allow drivers of overlimit trucks the option of carrying a hard copy of the permit or displaying the permit in digital format.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 364** to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Harris will sponsor the bill on the Floor.
- H 387:** **Rep. Moon** presented **H 387**. This legislation deals with disabled veterans, and allows qualified disabled veterans to obtain a Purple Heart license plate, or other license plate of their choice, at no cost.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **H 387** to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Moon** will sponsor the bill on the Floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Kimberly Lowder  
Secretary