

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 06, 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:** None

GUESTS: Matthew Conde, AAA; Nick Veldhouse, IAHD; Savannah Renslow, IAHD; R. Hobdey-Sanchez, ITD; Amber Pence, City of Boise; Jonathan Parker, IAHD

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

MOTION: **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 30, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25905: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 25905**. Rep. Boyle stated this proposed legislation directs the Idaho Department of Transportation to continue normal practice of titling and registering surplus military vehicles.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Boyle** stated the types of military vehicles were Humvees, Jeeps and various other heavy equipment.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25905**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26024C1: **Rep. Wood** presented **RS 26024C1**. Rep. Wood stated this proposed legislation increases the fees for Class D and motorcycle skills testers. The portion of monies from Class D skills test deposited to the state highway account remains constant.

MOTION: **Rep. McDonald** made a motion to introduce **RS 26024C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26065C1: **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 26065C1**. Rep. Harris stated this proposed legislation removes from statute what is more appropriately handled through a license agreement. The Idaho Department of Transportation charges \$3.75 for each vehicle license plate sold. For the vast majority of plates, those using the tricolor "Idaho Centennial" design, Idaho code specifies that \$0.50 of this charge be paid to the Idaho Heritage Trust for use of the "Centennial" design. As the Idaho Heritage Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, such arrangements are best made through normal contract arrangements and not by statute. Currently the Idaho Heritage Trust has such an agreement in place allowing the use of the "Centennial" design for license plates and other purposes.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 26065C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25850: **Rep. McDonald** presented **RS 25850**. Rep. McDonald stated this proposed legislation creates a new section in Idaho Code to provide for an Idaho Rotary International Speciality License Plate. This amends Chapter 4 Title 49 I.C. adding a new Section 49-420P I.C. Providing for Idaho International Specialty License Plates and amending Section 49-402 I.C. to provide a correct code reference.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. McDonald** stated that one third of the funds will go to the local chapter and one third of the funds will go to the international chapter.

MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce **RS 25850. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25778: **Rep. King** presented **RS 25778**. Rep. King stated the purpose of the proposed legislation is to define the meaning of low-power, pedal-assist electric bikes (e-bikes) and to revise the definition in Idaho Code. It allows cities, counties, or the governing body of a public agency to have jurisdiction over speed(s) on a path or trail and may prohibit by ordinance the operation of an e-bike on that path or trail.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. King** stated the electric bikes can currently be used on paths and trails without restrictions. The proposed legislation is primarily used to define classifications of electric bikes and does not take gas-powered bikes into consideration.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25778**.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** stated he was in doubt regarding the voice vote and asked for a show of hands. **By a show of hands, the motion carried.**

RS 25846: **Rep. Gestrin** presented **RS 25846**. Rep. Gestrin stated the purpose of the proposed legislation is to impose a \$12.00 sticker fee upon non-residents for off-highway vehicles (OHV) off-road travel in Idaho. Current Idaho law does not require non-residents to purchase an off-road vehicle sticker in order to travel upon and play on Idaho off-road trails. This fee amount would be the same as the resident fee. Fees collected would be distributed in the same manner as resident fees. This bill allows the department to begin offering a two-year sticker for sale, similar to those provided for highway vehicles.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 25846. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25848: **Rep. Gestrin** presented **RS 25848**. Rep. Gestrin stated current Idaho law does not require non-motorized travelers to pay a fee to travel upon and play on groomed snowmobile trails during the over-snow season. Groomed snowmobile trails are a significant county expense, funded solely by trail user fees. Recent recreation developments have led to increased non-motorized use of groomed snowmobile trails by fat tire bikes, snow sleds and cross-country skiers. The purpose of this bill is to require non-motorized users of groomed snowmobile trails to buy a trail sticker. The cost of the sticker will be same as that paid by snowmobiles and motorized vehicles. Fees collected would be distribute in the same manner as motorized sticker fees. This bill also allows the department to begin offering a two-year sticker for sale, similar to those provided for highway vehicles.

In answer to committee questions, **Rep. Gestrin** stated that the fee would be \$31 and a pass may be in a form similar to a ski-hill tag that skiers purchase. Since snowmobile trails are groomed weekly it would not matter if the user was using a motorized or non-motorized form of travel.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 25848. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Shellie Coates
Secretary