

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 18, 2019
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis, Rubel
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** The sign in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
- Chairman Palmer** introduced our committee Page for the second half of the session. **Elbia Christensen** is the daughter of **Curt** and **Wendy Christensen** of Emmett. She is the second oldest of 10 children who are home schooled by their mother.
- Chairman Palmer** asked **Rep. Syme** to introduce the Military Veterans in the gallery. Rep. Syme acknowledged the veterans who were in attendance to hear **H 89**. He commended them for their military service and for protecting the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this country.
- H 74:** **Rep. Gestrin** presented **H 74**. This bill relates to obtaining certificate numbers for snowmobiles or off-highway vehicles for the time period of two years. Any person may obtain a certificate number as long as the person has lawful possession of the machine. The bill provides that an accident occurring off-road and resulting only in property damage to the user's own property need not be reported to law enforcement. This pay to play sticker (certificate number) has nothing to do with registration and is intended to accommodate software modernization.
- Speaking **in support** of the bill were **Tammy Kolsky**, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; **David Claycomb**, Idaho Recreation Council.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 74** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 75:** **Rep. Gestrin** said the purpose of **H 75** is to impose a \$12.00 sticker fee upon non-residents for OHV off-road travel in Idaho.
- Speaking **in support** were **David Claycomb**, **Tamara Cikaitoga**, **Mike Kane**, **Steve Frisbie**, **David Claiborne**, **Steve Huffman**, **Rusty Fairclock**, **Jim Kalm**, **Darlene Smith**, and **Kent Oliver**. They agreed the out-of-state fee will help defray the cost of trail maintenance. The funds will also help pay for ATV rescue and enforcement.

Speaking **in opposition** was **Bryce Somsen**, Caribou County Commissioner, representing Bonneville, Bear Lake and Caribou counties. He said the counties he represents have been working with the Wyoming Legislature on a reciprocal agreement for residents of Idaho and Wyoming to use a trail system that crosses state boundaries. This bill could shut down those negotiations. He said more research should have been done on the affects of this legislation.

In answer to a committee question, **David Claycomb**, Idaho Parks and Recreation, said stickers can be enforced by anyone who is Post Certified.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to send **H 75** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Ricks spoke **in support** of the motion. He said his local ATV club in Madison County supports the bill.

Rep. Gestrin was recognized to close testimony on **H 75**. He said the Idaho Association of Counties voted to support this legislation.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 75** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Blanksma** and **Monks** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 89: **Rep. Syme** presented **H 89**. This bill designates US Highway 20 as the Idaho Medal of Honor Highway. This route will be part of an effort to name Highway Route 20 stretching from Newport, Oregon, to Boston, Massachusetts, Medal of Honor Highway. It is a way of honoring current and future Medal of Honor recipients. The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States for acting above and beyond the call of duty during combat and at the risk of death to oneself.

Sergeant Major, Retired, **Phil Hawkins** stated this is an opportunity to thank Idaho's Medal of Honor recipients.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **H 89** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 126: **Rep. Kauffman** presented **H 126**. Idaho requires red or fluorescent orange flags on projecting loads and/or loads that exceed legal width on Idaho highways. This bill will harmonize Idaho Code to require all flags on projecting loads and/or loads that exceed legal width be 18 inches by 18 inches. This change will bring into agreement the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Idaho Administrative Rules and neighboring states with similar warning flag requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 126** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary