

MINUTES

## HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019

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

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Amador, Representatives Anderson, Anderst, Horman, Moon, Scott, Ehardt, Armstrong, Furniss, Hartgen, Lickley, Raybould, Young, Smith, Chew, Ellis, Mason

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Anderst, Rep. Scott, Rep. Furniss, Rep. Smith

**GUESTS:** Dean Iacovelli, Microsoft

**Chairman Vander Woude** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ellis** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2019 and February 12, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**HCR 9:** **Rep. Ehardt** spoke on **HCR 9**, stating Hydropower is a valuable resource in Idaho. Rep. Ehardt remarked that Hyrdopower is clean, renewable and reliable and creates significant power for the citizens of Idaho.

**Chyla Wilson**, Idaho Farm Bureau testified in support of **HCR 9** and the use of Hydropower throughout Idaho. She encouraged committee members to vote in support of **HCR 9**.

**Will Hart**, Executive Director, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association testified in support of **HCR 9**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Likely** made a motion to send **HCR 9** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Dean Iacovelli**, Director, Secure Enterprise, Microsoft Sate and Local Government presented an update on evolving cybersecurity strategies. Cyber threats and breaches create a drain on company/agency resources, and adversaries often use a company's transparency against them. Attacks are becoming automated, and the cost can be enormous to an organization, regardless of size. Currently, only 5% of security alerts get investigated as companies do not have the resources to investigate every threat/breach.

**Mr. Iacovelli** presented an Intelligent Security Graph, showing data feeds that Microsoft handles. Microsoft's most unique global asset in the fight against threats and breaches is being informed by trillions of feeds, and machine learning helps sort the signal from the noise. This signal is leveraged across all of Microsoft's security services. Microsoft analyzes over 400B emails each month, and provides enterprise security for 90% of Fortune 500 companies. They also scan over 1.2B devices each month for authentication and security. Mr. Iacovelli stated there are a few way to help improve cybersecurity: 1) Begin by moving to best of breed security platform, and 2) Move to a Cloud First of even Cloud Only policy. Mr. Iacovelli asked committee members to support any future initiatives/legislation that seek to consolidate and modernize cybersecurity programs across the state.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Renee McPherson  
Secretary