

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019
- TIME:** 1:30 or Upon Adjournment of Afternoon Floor
- 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:** Representative(s) Harris
- GUESTS:** Nick Veldhouse, Idaho Assn. of Highway Districts; Gordon Bates, Golden Gate Hwy Dist.; Alberto Gonzalez, ITD; Savannah Renslow, IAHD; Sarah Betwieser, Mike Brassey, State Farm; Woody Richards, Insurance Co's; Kent Day, Liberty Mutual
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 2aa S:** **Rep. Dixon** said the Senate returned **H 2** with amendments. The amendments add further clarification of jurisdiction.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to **concur** with the Senate amendments. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 179:** **Rep. Furniss** presented **H 179**, legislation to amend Idaho Code. The bill specifies certain requirements of the online insurance verification program (portal) when registering or renewing a vehicle and provides an effective date. Idaho law requires motorists to carry liability insurance. This bill will allow for revocation of car title if a vehicle is not insured. Uninsured motorists will receive notice that they have 30 days to comply. Upon revocation of a registration due to a lack of insurance verification, an owner will be assessed a fee of \$75.00. In answer to committee questions, Rep. Furniss said the Department of Transportation will link in to the Department of Insurance portal to connect proof of insurance to automobile registration. Notice of noncompliance will be sent by mail or e-mail. Exemptions will be granted for vehicles used seasonally, collector or show cars, and rental/commercial vehicles where insurance is not linked to vin numbers.
- Alberto Gonzalez**, Idaho Transportation Department, spoke **in support** of the **H 179**. He said the bill accounts for postage, not the three to six additional personnel needed. He added, ITD will do the necessary work and enforcement required to implement the program.
- Rep. Moyle**, co-sponsor of the bill, said most states require verification of insurance when a vehicle is registered. Insurance companies share this information with the transportation department. He added, this bill protects citizens and is a way to help uninsured drivers. A similar program is in effect with emissions testing.
- Woody Richards**, representing insurance companies, spoke **in support** of the bill.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Ricks** made a motion to send **H 179** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1046: **Senator Mark Harris** presented **S 1046**. The intent of this bill is to amend Idaho Code by increasing the threshold value of no longer useful and/or personal and real property owned by local highway districts. The legislation would allow a local highway district to sell this property without holding a public hearing as long as its value does not exceed \$10,000.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **S 1046** 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 3:04 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary