

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment

**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 (Goldman), Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Shepherd

**GUESTS:** Paul Arrington, Morgan Howard, IWUA; Brian Patton, IDWR; Matthew Sandelier, 366 FW MHAFB

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**SJM 104:** **Senator Brackett** presented **SJM 104**. This Joint Memorial states the huge economic impact the Mountain Home Air Force Base has on the entire State of Idaho. It outlines the challenges the base faces with the availability of water due to a declining aquifer, and the risk of the base closing if the water supply situation is not solved. The state, in partnership with the United States Air Force, is working on the Mountain Home Air Force Base Sustainable Water Supply Project. The purpose of the project is to provide a sustainable, long-term water supply for the base from the Snake River. This will eliminate the base's reliance on the declining Mountain Home Aquifer.

In answer to a committee question, it was stated the cost of the project will be shared by the water management account in the General Fund and federal dollars. The State will build, own and operate the system while the Air Force will maintain the treatment plant.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to send **SJM 104** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 106aaS:** **Rep. McCrostie** presented **H 106aaS**. This bill was brought before the committee again for consideration of the Senate amendments. Rep. McCrostie, sponsor of the bill, recommended the committee concur with the amendments.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to concur with the amendments made in the Senate to **H 106aaS**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary