

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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:** Representative(s) Kauffman, Monks

GUESTS: Nick Veldhouse, IAHD; Brue Way, ACHD; R. Hobdey-Sanchez, Blake Rindlisbacher, Brian Goeke, Alberto Gonzalez, ITD; Jeff Miles, LHTAC; Will Hart, ICUA;

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

RS 27223: **Sergeant Christopher Williams**, Idaho State Police, presented proposed legislation to revise the fee for an annual vehicle registration endorsement for the transportation of hazardous materials.

MOTION: **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to introduce **RS 27223**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27391C1: **Rep. Ricks** presented **RS 27391C1**. This legislation clarifies and enhances restrictions on the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, aka Drones. It strengthens prohibition of surveillance by unmanned aircraft on individuals and private property. It provides a narrow scope for law enforcement and fire department use of unmanned aircraft systems without a warrant and provides an exception for utility companies.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 27391C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27437: **Rep. Monks** was unavailable to present the proposed legislation.

H 326: **Marv Hagadorn**, Chief Administrator of the Idaho Division of Veteran Services, presented **H 326**, legislation to repeal obsolete restrictions and repeal the current definition of veteran to comply with the definition the Veterans Administration and the State of Idaho use.

MOTION: **Rep. Davis** made a motion to send **H 326** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Goesling** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 327: As stated by **Rep. Goesling**, this bill changes the title in code from "Soldiers and Sailors" to "Service Members, Veterans, Spouses and Dependents."

MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to send **H 327** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Goesling** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 332: **H 332** was presented by **Brian Goeke**, Department of Motor Vehicles Policy Manager for the Idaho Transportation Department. This bill aligns code for the distribution of fees for renewal of driver licenses and identification cards to remain with the issuing entities providing the services. ITD has partnered with Idaho Department of Correction to issue Idaho identification cards to those incarcerated who will soon be released. This should assist them with integration into society.

MOTION: **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to send **H 332** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wintrow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 333: **Brian Goeke** presented **H 333**. He said this bill removes unnecessary requirements on automobile salesmen license renewals. It distributes fees for Dealer and Salespeople identification cards to the entity providing the service.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 333** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 334: **Molly McCarty**, Government Affairs Manager for the Idaho Transportation Department, presented **H 334**. She said this bill increases funding for the local bridge inspection account to ensure match requirements and cost requirements are met so bridges and tunnels in Idaho's local jurisdictions are properly inspected for safety. In answer to committee questions, she stated inspections are conducted visually as well as by checking piers, decking and superstructure. The Department keeps a sufficiency rating and records the age of each bridge.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **H 334** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Youngblood** declared Rule 80, stating a possible conflict of interest because he is on a highway board. He spoke **in support** of the motion saying there is a critical need for bridge improvement in the state. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd** at 1:59 p.m.

H 325: **Rep. Palmer** presented **H 325**. He said this bill increases the distribution to the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation program from 1% of sales tax collections to 2% of sales tax collections. This will result in an additional estimated \$18 million to the fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to send **H 325** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Speaking **in opposition** were **Rep. Gannon** and **Rep. Wintrow**. They were of the opinion added growth and congestion on the roads and highways could be addressed by imposing a user fee or direct tax. They would like to see a bill that directly addresses the issue of population growth and the subsequent increase in traffic. They suggested finding nontraditional sources of funding other than the General Fund.

Speaking **in support** were **Rep. Youngblood** and **Jeremy Chou**. They were of the opinion the dollars generated by this legislation go directly to mitigate congestion. This bill passed in the House last year.

Rep. DeMordaunt spoke **in support** of the motion saying she would vote on the merits of the bill. The Legislature has passed the ability to bond affording predictability and the ability to grow.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Shepherd called for a vote on the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Wintrow, Gannon, Rubel** and **Davis** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Shepherd turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer** at 2:18 p.m.

MOTION:

Rep. Addis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary