

MINUTES
SENATE JUDICIARY & RULES COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 03, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lakey, Vice Chairman Ricks, Senators Lee, Thayn, Zito, Burgoyne, and Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Lodge and Anthon

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CONVENED: **Chairman Lakey** called the meeting of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee (Committee) to order at 1:35 p.m.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Lakey passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Ricks.

H 149 **Relating to the Coronavirus Limited Immunity Act.** **Chairman Lakey**, District 12, explained that **H 149** extends the sunset clause regarding civil immunity granted to individuals or organizations affected by the coronavirus for one more year.

DISCUSSION: **Ken McClure**, Idaho Liability Reform Coalition (Coalition), stated **H 149** is not the Coalition's draft, but because the coronavirus is still a concern, the sunset clause should be extended for another year until the disease can be controlled.

MOTION: **Senator Thayn** moved to send **H 149** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Burgoyne** stated he would vote no, even though he appreciates the work done on **H 149**. He explained that he does not favor liability immunity legislation. He pointed out that **H 149** is simple, easy to understand and some contentious issues have been resolved.

Senator Lee noted that she preferred to not have a sunset clause, but she appreciates having another year to find a solution to provide assurance against litigious people.

Senator Wintrow pointed out that although she opposed this bill in the special session, she felt it would be appropriate if only the sunset clause is changed.

Chairman Lakey expressed his appreciation for the support of this bill.

VOICE VOTE: The motion to send **H 149** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation passed by **voice vote** with **Senator Burgoyne** requesting that he be recorded as voting nay.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Ricks passed the gavel to Chairman Lakey.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lakey** adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Senator Lakey, Chair

Sharon Pennington, Secretary

Carol Cornwall, Assistant Secretary