

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 08, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen, Weber
GUESTS: Sarah Bettmieser, Idaho Library Association

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

S 1058: **Rep. McCrostie** introduced **S 1058** to the Committee stating it would update the section of Idaho Code covering library boards. This legislation would require that members of a library board may not be a town or city mayor or any other elected official. It would also restrict any other city employee, who is in a position of power from serving on the board. He stated this will allow libraries to remain out of politics which will give them better ability to respond to any concerns or issues that arise in a non partisan and unbiased way. This will allow them to better serve every member of their communities.

Katherine Lovan, Idaho Library Association stated librarians have many challenges in their job. One of these challenges is navigating difficult issues and the more ability librarians and library boards have to respond to issues, the better they are able to serve the public. This legislation helps the libraries to stay independent and do the best job possible.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **S 1058** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members commented their local libraries have always managed to keep politics out of their business and it has been of great value to the community.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Mendive introduced the Committee Page for the second half of the session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary