

MINUTES
SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 02, 2022

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rice, Vice Chairman Grow, Senators Vick, Souza, Ricks, Nye, and Semmelroth

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Bayer and Lakey

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Rice** called the meeting of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee to order at 3:00 pm.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Grow** moved to approve the minutes of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee meeting on January 26, 2022. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee on January 26, 2022 passed by **voice vote**.

S 1248 **Water and sewer districts - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding compensation.** **Senator Vick** presented **S 1248**. **Senator Vick** explained that **S 1248** allows, but does not require, an increase in the compensation local water and sewer board members may receive from \$100 to \$150 per meeting.

TESTIMONY: **Barbara Neal**, a Hayden Lake water and sewer board member, spoke in favor of **S 1248**. Ms. Neal explained that the increased growth in the Hayden Lake area has resulted in increased responsibilities for the water and sewer board members. She noted that Idaho Code §42-309 had not been updated in 20 years. She further stated that the increase in the maximum compensation would more fairly compensate the board members for their time and effort.

Chairman Rice thanked Ms. Neal for her service. He further explained regarding the emergency clause, that the Legislative Services Office was inserting that in all bills unless there was already a specific effective date.

Senator Vick concluded his remarks by thanking Ms. Neal for bringing this to the attention of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee.

MOTION: **Senator Grow** moved to send **S 1248** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion to send **S 1248** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Rice** adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Senator Rice
Chair

Meg Lawless
Secretary