

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Addis

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

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

**H 571:** **Rep. Christensen** presented **H 571**. This bill provides for a maximum speed limit a school bus may travel, up to seventy miles per hour on an interstate highway, provided the bus does not exceed the posted speed limit.

**Rep. Shepherd** spoke in support of the bill citing the dangers of school buses traveling at a much slower rate of speed than semi-trucks and other traffic on interstate highways.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **H 571** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Christensen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 523:** **Brian Goeke**, DMV Policy Manager for the Idaho Transportation Department, presented **H 523**. The bill eliminates the outdated practice of requiring drivers to surrender their license when their driving privileges are suspended. Mr. Goeke said most suspensions are for only a brief period of time. He added, an individual's driving status is displayed in real-time to law enforcement and drivers' licenses are the main source of identification for many uses such as banking, traveling and public services.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 523** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 525:** **Brian Goeke** said this bill extends the length of time a Commercial Learner's Permit is valid, from six months to one year.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 525** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 524:** **Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez**, ITD Program Manager, presented legislation to eliminate the Head Start Association from the Interagency Working Group. The IWG is a compilation of thirteen state agencies that advise the Idaho Transportation Department on public transportation needs and efficient use of certain Federal Transit Administration grants. Head Start does not receive these grants and no longer participates in the group. The language in statute is outdated and obsolete.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 524** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- H 476:** **Major Steve Stokes**, Idaho Military Division General Counsel, presented **H 476**. This bill clarifies the recommending and appointing authority for the Governing Board of The Youth Challenge Academy. It allows the Adjutant General to provide nominees to the Governor for members of the board. The bill transitions student eligibility criteria from an administrative rule into statute.
- MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 476** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 477:** **Major Nathaniel Petersen**, Brigade Judge Advocate, Idaho National Guard, said the Idaho Military Division seeks to amend and update Code in order to correctly reflect diversity within the Idaho Military Division.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 477** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Rubel** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 478:** **Lt. Col. Lauren Tschampl**, Staff Judge Advocate for the Air National Guard, presented **H 478**. The Idaho Military Division's Public Safety Communication's group installs communication equipment and microwave services in emergency and first responder vehicles throughout the state, as required by code. This bill provides positive statutory authority to continue to charge for the equipment and services they provide to other state agencies.
- MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 478** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 475:** **Major Steve Stokes** presented **H 475**. This bill eliminates provisions in Code deemed by the Idaho Military Division as outdated or unnecessary. Certain language being omitted is seen as unconstitutionally broad, vague, unenforceable, unnecessary, and otherwise inconsistent with Idaho law and the State's Constitution. Speaking **in opposition** was a contingent of people from Coeur d'Alene. Sandpoint, Post Falls, Moscow and Boise. Concerns they voiced were, by eliminating the prescribed language in the bill, members of the public would fall victim to vigilantism, lawlessness and intimidation.
- ORIGINAL MOTION:** **Rep. Syme** made a motion to **HOLD H 475** in committee.
- SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to send **H 475** to General Orders.
- AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made an amended substitute motion to send **H 475** to the floor without recommendation.

**VOTE ON  
AMENDED  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

**Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the amended substitute motion. Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE and 4 NAY and 1 absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Palmer, DeMordaunt, Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Syme, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie. Rep. Addis was absent/excused. Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:41.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary