

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Friday, February 18, 2022
- TIME:** 11:30 am Or Upon Adjournment
- 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) Youngblood, Harris, Syme, 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 12:00 p.m.
- H 539:** **Rep. Cannon** said current code prohibits the renewal of any suspended driver's license. Drivers with suspended licenses are often granted limited driving privileges which restrict their driving to certain times or purposes. The inability to renew a suspended license creates procedural issues for courts and probationers who are driving with limited driving privileges. To eliminate these problems, this bill will amend code to allow someone with a suspended driver's license to renew their license. Once the license is renewed it is subject to the existing suspension.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 539** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Cannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 605:** **Bob Petersen**, Education Committee Chairman, Idaho Independent Automobile Dealers Association, presented **H 605**. This bill amends code to clarify automobile dealer and salesman education classes are taught with live, interactive, instructor led training.
- Eddy Christensen** and **Riley Richardson** spoke **in support** of the bill. They agreed there is great value in having live classes with an instructor present both in person and online. With an instructor present, an interactive environment exists, allowing participants to engage in discussion with other members of the class. Mr. Richardson added, tests in the current ITD approved on-line course are not proctored.
- Mike Hunter**, co-founder and owner of Independent Training Services spoke **in opposition** to **H 605**. He stated his company provides self-paced online dealer education. To require only live instruction for dealer education is unhelpful to many learners. He said **H 605** will maintain an antiquated education system, increasing dealer training time and costs. The rigidity of live instruction will hurt the quality, variety, and cost of education by removing competition from the market.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 605** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary