

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2022

TIME: 2:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley (Baldwin), Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen (Hubbard), Bundy, Erickson, Galloway (Hancock), Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Kingsley, Erickson, Weber

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

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 2:31pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 635: **Rep. Okuniewicz** explained **H 635** would affect how lands can be annexed into cities. When a property is contiguous to multiple cities and in their areas of impact, the property owner can choose which city to be annexed by. This legislation would simply add clarification to how the law should be interpreted already.

Chris Yorgason, an attorney in municipal law, and **Trevor Chadwick**, Mayor of the City of Star, spoke **in support** of **H 635** because landowners should be allowed to choose which contiguous city they would like to join.

In response to questions about the language change, **Mr. Yorgason** said the property would still have to be contiguous and part of the city's comprehensive plan.

In response to questions about whether it is possible for a property to be within two areas of impact at the same time and whether a property can leave a city to be annexed by a different city, **Mr. Yorgason** said different statutes govern the process of leaving a city but it is possible to be in two areas of impact.

In response to questions about the legal rights an entity has over an area of impact, **Mr. Yorgason** explained an area of impact is a planning situation where the county and city negotiate which ordinances will be in effect. Because of this, the ordinances in an area of impact will be different than those in the city.

Jim and Travis Hunter, Boise Hunter Homes, testified **in support** of **H 635** because it would give private landowners the ability to choose to be annexed by the city which has the most influence over their property.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 635** with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Okuniewicz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary