

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 02, 2022
- TIME:** 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma (Blanksma), Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Gestrin, Okuniewicz, Rubel
- 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 1:30 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022, meeting with one exception. **Rep. Blanksma** should be counted present. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 572:** **Rep. Kauffman** presented **H 572**. Rep. Kauffman said this bill increases the type of support the military division can provide to Idaho Wing, Civil Air Patrol, to include using appropriated funds to pay for both cadet and adult members' travel and expenses related to Civil Air Patrol training and educational opportunities nationwide. The support would also pay for normal operating expenses of Idaho Wing.
Colonel Robin M. Vest, Wing Commander, Idaho Wing, Civil Air Patrol, presented an overview of the Civil Air Patrol including its history and current mission. She spoke **in support of H 572**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to send **H 572** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1231:** **Senator Den Hartog** presented **S 1231**. The bill repeals legislative intent language that requires local highway districts and other jurisdictions to report to the legislature annually on how the spent funds were distributed. This reporting requirement has become an administrative burden for local jurisdictions and the monetary amounts to distribute to some jurisdictions are so small that the report has little value to the legislature. Local highway districts are still required to report expenditures per code.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **S 1231** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Youngblood** declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1268: **Senator Den Hartog** presented this legislation to establish a no-fee initial four year identification card for individuals who are homeless. The Senator stated, the Idaho Transportation Department will require an attestation of the individual's homelessness and residency at an Idaho relief agency or shelter by an outreach worker or service worker. She added, once a homeless person has an ID card they can apply for housing, jobs and other benefits.

Cameron Rail and **Jodi Peterson Steigers**, Executive Director of Interfaith Sanctuaries Homeless Shelter, spoke **in support** of the bill. Mr. Rail said he is an Iraqi Freedom veteran. When he returned home from the war he was homeless for awhile. He added it was difficult to get an identification card without a permanent address and the cost of the card was prohibitive. With no ID card, he couldn't apply for his veteran benefits or a job.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **S 1268** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Monks** spoke to the motion. In answer to his question, he was told voting would be carried out in the district where services were received.

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

H 683: **Rep. Mendive** said **H 683** would allow qualifying parents and legal guardians to be private educators for Class D Driver's Training Instruction Permits. He added, this legislation would benefit citizens from rural areas who must travel long distances and pay expensive fees for required public or private driver's education.

Speaking **in support** of the bill were **Bonnie Voves** and **Mimi Hogaboam**. They agreed, a bulk of a student's driving training is already done by the parents. Parents and their student driver must log 50 hours of driving with their child in the car before the child can take the written knowledge and driving skills test. In answer to committee questions, Bonnie Voves said when she wrote this bill she copied the current bill and added "parents" as teachers to the bill language.

Emily Kormylo, former Drivers' Education Coordinator, Idaho Department of Education, spoke **in opposition** to the bill. She does not support **H 683** allowing parents to teach their own "rules of the road" to new drivers. She addressed the shortage of Drivers' Education teachers and believes there are other options that need to be explored that will help maintain Idaho's high driver education standards, but also financially support all school districts and driving businesses in providing professional and affordable driver education.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 683** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Monks** declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest. **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 697: **Rep. Adams** said the purpose of this bill is to ensure all eligible family members are able to apply for and display the Idaho Gold Star license plate. This legislation brings Idaho code in line with the eligibility requirements set forth by national organizations supporting Gold Star families.

MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to send **H 697** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Adams** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 700: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **H 700**. The purpose of this legislation is to legalize the operation of off road vehicles on state highways with a posted speed limit of 65 miles per hour or less.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 700** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shepherd** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary