

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 29, 2024

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Blanksma, Manwaring, Yamamoto, Raybould, Durrant, Hill, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner, Burns, Necochea, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Mickelsen, Raymond

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 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelson** made a motion to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Durrant** made a motion to approve the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 402: **Rep. Nelson**, District 26, presented **H 402** explaining this is an agency bill from Idaho Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR). The legislation removes Class II injection well language from Idaho Code. He introduced **Tim Luke**, Compliance Bureau Chief at IDWR, who briefly explained what injection wells are, and most of the changes are "clean ups" to code and clarification of language. Additionally, other pertinent agencies have been consulted pertaining to these changes.

There was a committee question as to whether or not this would limit natural gas or oil production in any way and it was explained that production wells are a separate matter and permitted by a different agency.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **H 402** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Nelson will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 404: **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, presented **HB 404** and explained that the intention behind this legislation is to expand the protections afforded to endangered species under public records requests to all monitored wildlife. The legislation prevents requestors from getting exact location data on wildlife species of interest thus creating a unfair sportsman advantage among other things. He illustrated the different ways individuals and organizations use public records requests to obtain wildlife tracking and location information for varying purposes and how it creates unintended consequences and unsafe exposure for wildlife.

Ellary Tucker Williams with Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, and **Bill London** with the Idaho Wild Sheep Association spoke out **in support** of **H 404**.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **HB 404** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Petzke will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Andrea Blades
Secretary