

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Crane (12)

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 Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

RS 31242: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 31242** explaining this proposed legislation amends Idaho Code section 55-307 and prohibits local governments from mandating participation in Federal Housing Assistance Programs. In response to committee questions, Rep. Mitchell stated there are examples of this type of legislation helping to prevent the market from driving rent prices even higher.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31242**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31254: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 31254** explaining this proposed legislation would allow existing adoptees to begin accessing their birth records at age forty. For adoptions going forward these records are already accessible, this legislation grants that to existing adoptees. Many states allow access to these records at the age of eighteen.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31254**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 498: **Rep. Price** presented **H 498**, also known as the Online Child Protection Act, stating it empowers parents whose children are harmed by access to pornography. She highlighted key changes in this legislation including the commercial entity is responsible for age verification, the harmful material must make up at least one third of the content, and no information shall be retained after verifying age.

Rep. Young continued the presentation stating similar legislation has passed in other states and has held up in court. In some states this legislation was even bipartisan. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified a parent or guardian could file the civil suit on behalf of a minor and the state would not be responsible since they are not the ones performing the age verification.

Reps. Skaug and Crane (13) responded to committee questions explaining in obscenity cases the defense cannot make the case that it is constitutional material, and the emergency clause is an additional to all bills following the 2020 Legislative Session.

Steve Fullmer testified in support of **H 498** using the analogy of a liquor store. In a physical liquor store you would not be allowed to enter without ID, and product would not be provided for free. This legislation gives parents the opportunity to hold these sites accountable.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 498** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Price** and **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary