

MINUTES  
**HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 05, 2024

**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Weber, Representatives Monks, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Rubel, Necochea, Burns

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**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 Weber** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31596:** **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 31596**, which amends previous legislation by reducing the fine for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and providing an exemption from fines for minors.

In answer to a question from the committee, **Rep. Skaug** stated the committee wanted to exempt juveniles from being fined.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31596**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31540:** **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 31540**, which will provide for a constitutional amendment clarifying that only Idaho residents who are citizens of the United States are eligible to vote.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 31540**.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. Andrus** stated U.S. Citizens for Voting requested the change, and while non-citizens have voted in other states, he was not aware of this happening in Idaho.

Committee discussion focused on concern the language may be too broad and could encompass non-government sanctioned elections. However, it was pointed out the section of code where this clarification is written already addresses qualifications of electors and should alleviate those concerns.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS: 31597:** **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 31597**, which is an amended version of a previous RS dealing with hunting licenses for out-of-state hunters. He explained this version reflects input from key stakeholders including outfitters and guides.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31597**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31574:** **Rep. Hawkins** presented **RS 31574**. This proposed joint memorial requests the U.S. Congress take steps to enforce immigration laws and secure the country's borders and is a replacement for **HJM 8**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 31574** and recommended it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Rubel, Necochea** and **Burns** requested to recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Hawkins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Weber** turned the gavel over to **Rep. Monks.**

**RS 31575:** **Chairman Weber** presented **RS 31575**, which provides for the transfer of funds from the counties to the State Public Defense Fund to pay for up to 40 hours of unused sick leave as a result of their functions transferring from the counties to the State Public Defender's Office.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 31575.**

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 31575** and recommended it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

**Chairman Weber** stated based on discussions with the germane committee chairman and speaker, he requested the RS be introduced for printing and referred for a committee hearing.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Monks** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Weber.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

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Representative Weber  
Chair

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Wendy Carver-Herbert  
Secretary