

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Rubel

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 7, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31630: **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31630**, which prevents public utilities from collecting Social Security numbers from customers. He explained it resulted from a local water company being hacked and not informing customers. It is important these companies protect this information.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Speaker Moyle** explained the proposed legislation will not prevent companies from using driver's license information to conduct credit checks for new service.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 31630**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31639: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 31639**, and explained it adds provisions to protect open range law in previously introduced legislation on estray livestock.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31639**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31645: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 31645**. He explained the proposed legislation sets the salaries for judges as required by statute, and it will require judicial vacancies as the result of retirements to remain open until a qualified candidate is elected.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31645**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31636**, **RS 31606** and **RS 31607** and recommend they be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor **RS 31636** and **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor **RS 31606** and **RS 31607** on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Representative Weber
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary