

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, January 18, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 30809	Vehicles, Ports of Entry	Brian Goeke, DMV Policy Manager, Idaho Transportation Department
RS 30813	License Plates, Expiration	Brian Goeke
RS 30829	Commercial Driver's License, Fees	Brian Goeke
RS 30880	Honoring Erik Peterson	Rep. Bundy

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer
Vice Chairman Mitchell
(Schoenberg)

Rep Dixon (1)

Rep Holtzclaw

Rep Monks

Rep Blanksma

Rep Manwaring

Rep Shepherd

Rep Crane (12)

Rep Handy

Rep Hill

Rep Lanting

Rep Miller

Rep Petzke

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Rep Gannon

Rep Burns

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2024
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Crane(12), Yamamoto
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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
RS 30809: **Brian Goeke**, DMV Policy Manager, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), stated the Department is seeking to align current Idaho Code requirements to allow the use of current technology, allowing some required commercial vehicle checks to be performed at ports of entry while the trucks are in motion. Allowing certain trucks to bypass ports affords a significant convenience to the trucking industry and improves department program efficiency.
MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 30809. Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 30813: **Brian Goeke**, ITD, stated this proposed legislation will remove the requirement to replace license plates every 10 years and allow customers to continue to use their license plates as long as they are still readable.
MOTION: **Rep. Handy** made a motion to introduce **RS 30813. Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 30829: **Brian Goeke**, ITD, stated this proposed legislation has three parts: 1) it will allow a commercial driver's license (CDL) to be renewed for eight years rather than just four years, 2) it will reduce online renewal fees by five dollars, and 3) it will set up a Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse check for CDL licenses prior to completing any CDL transaction.
MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 30829. Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 30880: **Chairman Palmer** announced, the sponsor of **RS 30880** requested to hold this bill in committee until a later date. There being no objection, **RS 30880** will be held in committee.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Monday, January 22, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	2024 Report from the Idaho Transportation Department	Scott Stokes, Director, Idaho Transportation Department

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 22, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, 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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Chairman Palmer asked the committee's Page, **Natalie Chrysler** to introduce herself.

Scott Stokes, Director, Idaho Transportation Department, presented the Department's annual report to the committee. He stated the Department owns and operates an integrated system of over 12,000 lane miles, 1,800 bridges, and partners with over 100 county Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices to process more than 3.6 million transactions annually. He continued, the Department actively manages the planning, design, and project delivery through the seven-year construction program, which paid out over \$730 million last year. The Department supports the state's aviation community by assisting over 60 community airports with grant opportunities and airport landings, operates and maintains 32 backcountry airstrips, provides safety and education, and leads aviation search and rescue.

Director Stokes explained the Department's revenue sources come from both federal and state. User fees, which are dedicated funds, are primarily from fuel tax and registration fees, and are always used for public highways and bridge projects, as well as most highway maintenance, operations and salaries. Federal funds are through multi-year federal legislation, including federal fuel and excise taxes. The Strategic Initiative funds are the Governor's Leading Idaho dollars that are transferred out of the General Fund and used for contract construction. Finally, the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation fund (TECM) is the sales tax provided to the Department, currently at \$80 million per year, which is primarily used for the state's bonding program.

Director Stokes discussed many of the ongoing and upcoming projects, including the modernization of the highway system interchange in Pocatello, the Clearwater Memorial Bridge in Lewiston, and the Highway 16 project in the Treasure Valley. Additionally, he highlighted the Department's local grant program, which distributes \$100 million for local transportation projects that are otherwise beyond the reach of local government finances. Fifty percent of the funds are dedicated for large urban areas, and the remaining fifty percent goes to rural areas.

Another area **Director Stokes** highlighted included the modernization of the DMV, known as Skip the Trip. Skip the Trip puts money back into the hands of Idahoans by eliminating extra fees and creating more digital options for DMV customers. In one month, Skip the Trip serviced 49% of all motor vehicle transactions and 60% of vehicle registrations. The Department anticipates the online portal will save \$5 million a year with more than 1.4 million annual transactions.

Finally, **Director Stokes** brought attention to the Governor's Idaho Works initiative, which includes funding for road and bridge maintenance, safety and capacity programs, and an increase to TECM by \$50 million. All of this support and funding helps to move projects forward bringing safety and a great return on investments for decades.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 412	Vehicles, Ports of Entry	Rep. Handy
H 413	License Plates, Expiration	Rep. Petzke
H 414	Commercial Driver's License, Fees	Rep. Manwaring

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Hill

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18 and 22, 2024 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 412: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this legislation will align Idaho Code with Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) practice of pre-screening commercial trucks at ports of entry at highway speeds. He explained, if trucks meet the established criteria, they can stay on the highway and bypass a fixed port of entry. He stated the goal of screening is to balance weight compliance, safety and industry needs, and estimates this screening process saves the industry approximately \$11 million annually in wages and fuel.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 412** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to a committee question concerning license plate readers reading more than just commercial vehicles, **Brian Goeke**, ITD, explained there is no authority granted to ITD to read anything other than commercial vehicles' license plates, and additionally, the system can only connect to the commercial database.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 412** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 413: **Rep. Petzke**, District 21, stated this legislation will remove the requirement for time based mandatory license plate replacement, currently on a 10-year replacement cycle, to allow license plates to remain in place as long as they remain readable.

In response to a committee question regarding removal of county designators on license plates, **Rep. Petzke** indicated that is not the intent of this bill, and clarified the language stricken on page one of the bill only relates to aligning production standards.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 413** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Petzke** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 414: **Rep. Manwaring**, District 29, stated this legislation has three parts: 1) it will allow a commercial driver's license (CDL) to be renewed for eight years rather than just four years, 2) it will reduce online renewal fees by five dollars, and 3) it will set up a Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, a new federal and state requirement, to check CDL applicants for any unresolved failed drug tests prior to completing any CDL transaction.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 414** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

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Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 06, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO	Rules Governing -	
11-1301-2301	The Motor Carrier Rules	Bill Gardiner, ISP
39-0204-2301	Manufacturer & New Vehicle Dealer Hearing Fees	Brendan Floyd, ITD
39-0222-2301	Registration & Permit Fee Administration & Temporary Vehicle Clearance for Carriers	Brendan Floyd
39-0242-2301	Conditional Vehicle Registration	Brendan Floyd
39-0246-2301	Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Permit	Brendan Floyd
39-0260-2301	License Plate Provisions- Fee Rule	Brendan Floyd
39-0276-2301	Driver's License and ID Card Renewal & Replacement Processes - Temp & Pending Rule	Brendan Floyd
39-0301-2301	Definitions Regarding Special Permits-Fee Rule	Brendan Floyd
39-0302-2301	Movement of Disabled Vehicles	Brendan Floyd
39-0303-2301	Special Permits - General Conditions & Requirements	Brendan Floyd
39-0304-2301	Special Permits - Overweight Non-Reducible	Brendan Floyd
39-0305-2301	Special Permits - Oversize Non-Reducible	Brendan Floyd
39-0306-2301	Special Permits for Extra-Length/Excess Weight	Brendan Floyd
39-0307-2301	Special Permits for Reducible Loads	Brendan Floyd
39-0308-2301	Self-Propelled Snowplows	Brendan Floyd
39-0340-2301	Junkyards and Dumps	Brendan Floyd
39-0342-2301	Highway RoW Encroachments on State RoW	Brendan Floyd
39-0348-2301	Routes Exempt from Local Plans & Ordinances	Brendan Floyd
39-0350-2301	Safety Rest Areas	Brendan Floyd
39-0401-2301	Aeronautics and Aviation	Brendan Floyd

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Vice Chairman Mitchell Rep Shepherd
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Rep Holtzclaw Rep Handy
Rep Monks Rep Hill
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DATE: Tuesday, February 06, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Blanksma, Lanting

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:37pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
11-1301-2301:** **Bill Gardiner**, Deputy Director and Rules Review Officer, Idaho State Police, stated there are no regulatory changes to this Docket regarding Motor Carriers, rather, they reviewed the Docket under the Governor's Zero Based Regulation Executive Order (ZBR), eliminating redundancies and unnecessary sections copied from Federal Code. He indicated, during this ZBR process they got a little "strike heavy" and inadvertently struck **Subsection 019.01(b)** that needs to remain on the books. Therefore, he requested the committee approve **Docket No. 11-1301-2301**, with the exception of **Subsection 019.01(b)**.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-1301-2301**, with the exception of **Subsection 019.01(b)**, because it was inadvertently stricken and is an exemption for Motor Carriers that is critical to remain in place. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), stated ITD reviewed a total of nineteen Rules, sixteen of which were under ZBR, and indicated the edits should have a direct positive impact on industry and their customers.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0204-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket due to the passage of **H 128** in 2023, regarding fees and refunds for Department hearings concerning disputes between vehicle dealers and manufacturers. **H 128** makes this Docket obsolete.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0222-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the reason for modifying this Docket was to remove a few sections in order to include them in a more relevant Commercial Vehicle Permit Combination Rule, where ITD is seeking to combine multiple chapters along with this one, into a single Docket.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0242-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the modifications to this Docket include removing unnecessary language and combining it with another similar Docket, dealing with temporary registration when ownership of a vehicle is unclear and when county offices and vehicle dealers may issue a temporary registration.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0246-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket in its entirety in order to combine it with **Docket No. 39-0242-2301**.

- DOCKET NO. 39-0260-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the proposed changes to this Docket include making it easier to understand, removing old software language and replacing it with updated language to reflect the current operating system, and removing redundant and ambiguous wording.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0276-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated due to the passage of **H 9** in 2023, CDL holders are now allowed to renew their driver's licenses online. He explained, since this was prohibited in Rule, ITD needed to modify it as a Temporary Rule to reflect the new statutory allowance, which went into effect July 1, 2023. While reviewing this Docket, they also removed some unnecessary provisions and provided more allowances for other online driver's license renewals, as well as increasing the interval between how often an applicant must go in person to a DMV office.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0301-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated this proposed Docket reflects the consolidation of seven Dockets addressing various requirements covering commercial vehicle permits for oversized vehicles in Idaho. During this consolidation, ITD removed redundant provisions and unnecessary language. He remarked, substantive changes in this new Docket, all beneficial to industry, include: allowance for over-legal movements 30 minutes before sunrise, extending until 30 minutes after sunset, changing the terms "reducible" and "nonreducible" to "divisible" and "undivisible" to align with federal terminology, increasing cylindrical hay bales to 80 feet overall length (from 75 feet), reducing bridge analysis approval time for loads up to 250,000 pounds from five days to three days, increasing the length of interstate oversized moves from 120 to 150 feet, and expanding the black coded route width restriction from 10 to 12 feet.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0302-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket in its entirety in order to combine it with **Docket No. 39-0301-2301**.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0303-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket in its entirety in order to combine it with **Docket No. 39-0301-2301**.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0304-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket in its entirety in order to combine it with **Docket No. 39-0301-2301**.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0305-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket in its entirety in order to combine it with **Docket No. 39-0301-2301**.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0306-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket in its entirety in order to combine it with **Docket No. 39-0301-2301**.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0307-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated ITD is repealing this Docket in its entirety in order to combine it with **Docket No. 39-0301-2301**.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0308-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the only changes made to this Docket regarding visibility requirements for ITD operated snow plows, were format changes.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0340-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the only changes made to this Docket regarding guidelines for the control of junkyards and dumps within 1,000 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way for roadways in Idaho were to eliminate redundancies and to remove the Administrative Hearings section because it is already in statute.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0342-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the only changes made to this Docket regarding standards and guidelines for encroachments on state highway right-of-ways, were to remove definitions and provisions that were either obvious or already established in statute.
- DOCKET NO. 39-0348-2301:** **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the only changes made to this Docket regarding provisions contained within Idaho's Local Planning Act designating transportation systems of statewide importance exempt from local plans and ordinances, were to remove redundant language already in statute.

DOCKET NO. 39-0350-2301: **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated the changes made to this Docket regarding standards for the use of developed rest areas not explicitly addressed in statute, were to remove unnecessary and overly wordy provisions only when what is removed is already covered in statute so they remain enforceable violations for Idaho State Police.

DOCKET NO. 39-0401-2301: **Brendan Floyd**, ITD, stated along with general cleanup and updating older provisions, ITD removed restrictive rules that will lessen the burden on airport sponsors and provide funding flexibility in how they maintain their airports.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve **Docket Numbers: 39-0204-2301, 39-0222-2301, 39-0242-2301, 39-0246-2301, 39-0260-2301, 39-0276-2301, 39-0301-2301, 39-0302-2301, 39-0303-2301, 39-0304-2301, 39-0305-2301, 39-0306-2301, 39-0307-2301, 39-0308-2301, 39-0340-2301, 39-0342-2301, 39-0350-2301, 39-0401-2301**, and stated his motion does not include **Docket No. 39-0348-2301**.

Rep. Gannon spoke to his motion of excluding **Docket No. 39-0248-2301**. He explained he believes it is critical to keep the language intact in this Docket in order to emphasize ITD should continue to work closely with local entities. He continued, he doesn't believe it's redundant to include the concept of working together in both Rule and statute, so therefore is rejecting the ZBR word reduction to keep the language in the Docket intact.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:12pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 08, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31203	Driver's Education, Parents	Rep. Mendive
RS 31152	Identification Cards	Rep. Mitchell
RS 31092	Commercial Vehicles	Rep. Handy
RS 31094	Fuels Tax, Commercial Electric Vehicles	Rep. Shepherd
RS 31243	Traffic Enforcement, School Buses	Rep. Shepherd

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 08, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Palmer, Representative(s) Monks, Blanksma, Miller, Yamamoto

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 Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

RS 31203: **Rep. Mendive**, District 5, stated this proposed legislation would allow qualifying parents and legal guardians to be private educators for Class D Driver's Training Instruction Permits in rural school districts or in school districts that do not offer driver's education courses.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 31203. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Mitchell turned the gavel over to **Rep. Dixon (1).**

RS 31152: **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated this proposed legislation removes the six-month waiting period to qualify for a no-fee identification card through the Idaho Transportation Department, for the purpose of complying with voter registration and voting requirements.

MOTION: **Rep Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31152. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Dixon (1) turned the gavel over to **Chairman Mitchell.**

RS 31092: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this proposed legislation adds two new provisions to **Idaho Code, Section 49-937**, on vehicle mufflers and noise prevention. He explained, it first allows a commercial vehicle to idle for the purposes of using a vehicle's heating and air conditioning system when a driver is resting, and second, when vehicles are parked for purposes of refrigerating perishable commodities, pharmaceuticals, or both.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31092. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31094: **Rep. Shepherd**, District 7, stated this proposed legislation creates a definition of "electric fuel" for commercial vehicles in Idaho and imposes a one cent/kilowatt hour tax on electric fuel, making it equivalent to the existing tax on motor fuel found in **Idaho Code, Section 63-2402.**

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 31094. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31243: **Rep. Shepherd**, District 7, stated this proposed legislation has three components. First, it increases the fines associated with illegally passing school buses to deter unsafe driving behaviors. Second, it will change first-time offenses from a misdemeanor to an infraction, with the second and subsequent convictions remaining a misdemeanor. He explained, reducing the first offense to an infraction allows the defendant to resolve the fines imposed online, by phone, or by email, eliminating multiple court appearances and dropped cases. Third, this proposed legislation will grant the Department of Education administrative rights to the School Bus Camera Fund, which is where fines are deposited, and will be used for the purchase of school bus stop arm cameras, software, equipment, and training.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31243. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Monday, February 12, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31297C1	Motor Vehicles, Manufacturers	Jim Addis, Idaho Automobile Dealers Association
RS 31269	Study, Transportation Corridors	Rep. Crane (12)
RS 30992	Purple Heart License Plates	Rep. Berch

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Manwaring	Rep Miller
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Shepherd	Rep Petzke
Rep Dixon (1)	Rep Crane (12)	Rep Yamamoto
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Handy	Rep Gannon
Rep Monks	Rep Hill	Rep Burns
Rep Blanksma	Rep Lanting	

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Petzke, Gannon

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

RS 31297C1: **Jim Addis**, Executive Director, Idaho Automobile Dealers Association, stated this proposed legislation should strengthen the independence of Idaho's auto dealers and promote a balanced relationship between Idaho franchises and the large multinational manufacturers. He remarked, this proposed legislation will clarify and modify current statute to ensure free local markets exist in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to introduce **RS 31297C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31269: **Rep. Crane**, District 12, stated this proposed legislation would authorize the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to conduct a study of the traffic corridors of existing State Highways 55, 16, and 95, and determine if there are potential alternative north-south routes for safe travel between central Idaho and the Treasure Valley.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 31269. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30992: **Rep. Berch**, District 15, stated current law exempts the fee for a specialty Purple Heart license plate to only those recipients of a Purple Heart who are disabled. This proposed legislation would extend that benefit to all Purple Heart recipients whether or not they are disabled.

Rep. Berch yielded the podium to **Rep. Hill**, District 15. Rep. Hill stated he is cosponsoring this legislation because as a veteran, he believes this is a good gesture of support.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 30992. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:36pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 531	Driver's Education, Parents	Rep. Mendive
H 532	Identification Cards	Rep. Mitchell
H 533	Commercial Vehicles	Rep. Handy

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Dixon (1)

Rep Holtzclaw

Rep Monks

Rep Blanksma

Rep Manwaring

Rep Shepherd

Rep Crane (12)

Rep Handy

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill (Brown), Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks, Petzke, Gannon

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Chairman Palmer recognized the committee's Page, **Natalie Chrysler**, for her good work during the first six weeks of the Legislative Session.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 8, and 12 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 531: **Rep. Mendive**, District 5, stated **H 531** fixes the concerns brought forward last year with **H 133**, which was vetoed. He explained, the fixes include allowing qualified parents and legal guardians to be private educators for Class D Driver's Training Instruction Permits only in rural school districts or in school districts that do not offer driver's education courses. The students will still be required to complete the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA) Driver Education online course.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 531** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 532: **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated **H 532** removes the six-month waiting period to qualify for a no-fee identification card through the Idaho Transportation Department, for the purpose of complying with voter registration and voting requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 532** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 533: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated **H 533** adds two new provisions to **Idaho Code, Section 49-937**, on vehicle mufflers and noise prevention. He explained, it first allows a commercial vehicle to idle for the purposes of using the vehicle's heating and air conditioning system when a driver is resting, and second, when vehicles are parked for the purpose of refrigerating perishable commodities, pharmaceuticals, or both.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 533** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 547</u>	Purple Heart License Plates	Rep. Berch Rep. Hill
	State of the Gunfighters	Col. Mike "Singe" Alfaro, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB
	EXECUTIVE SESSION Unclassified Intelligence Briefing 366th Fighter Wing	Maj. John Madsen, Wing Director of Intelligence Tech. Sgt. Casey Lehnertz, Section Chief, Intelligence Weapons and Tactics

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, 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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 547: **Rep. Berch**, District 15, stated current law exempts the fee for a specialty Purple Heart license plate to only those recipients of a Purple Heart who are disabled. This bill will extend that benefit to all Purple Heart recipients whether or not they are disabled. Rep. Berch yielded the podium to **Rep. Hill**.

Rep. Hill, District 14, indicated this is a much needed good will gesture to all Purple Heart recipients.

Colby Cameron, Governmental Affairs Manager, Idaho Transportation Department, stated there was an error in the figures he provided to **Rep. Berch** for the Fiscal Note and would like to make that correction for the record. Rather than a reduction to the License Plate Fund of \$80,000, he stated he failed to separate out the license plate fees from the registration fees, so the actual loss to the Fund would only be around \$7,000.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 547** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Berch and Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Colonel Mike Alfaro, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), presented the State of the Gunfighters address to the committee. The mission statement for the 366th Fighter Wing is to "provide mission-ready Gunfighters to conduct operations anytime, anywhere." Their vision is to be America's most elite Fighter Wing, focus on the fundamentals, intentionally aspirational, consistent with core values, and uniquely advantaged. He remarked the Gunfighters were certified in 2023 as Lead Wing by demonstrating capabilities in the Pacific and Southwest Asia, and indicated this is a very big accomplishment. The Mountain Home AFB was named Air Force finalist for the 2024 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence Award.

Col. Alfaro provided updates to several ongoing projects including the Snake River Water Pipeline project, stating they estimate completion in 2025. They are currently negotiating for the design/build for the water treatment plant portion of the project, with the award in March 2024 and completion no later than 2026. Additionally, they are working on a geothermal energy project and an airspace optimization project with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Col. Alfaro wrapped up his presentation with a summary of future missions/projects including; the AFB will become a combat support training range, being one of only twelve Air Force-wide; they are negotiating the beddown of twelve F15QA's with the Qatar Emiri Air Force; and they are preparing for the anticipated retirement of the older "220" F-15E engines, which will impact one 366th Fighter Wing squadron.

Chairman Palmer introduced **Alma Azocar Agurto**, the committee's new Page.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion for the committee to dissolve into an executive session for the purpose of hearing an unclassified briefing given by intelligence experts from the Mountain Home AFB. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Major John Madsen and Technical Sergeant Casey Lehnertz, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, presented an unclassified intelligence briefing to the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to reconvene the public meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW40
Thursday, February 22, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 583	Vehicles, Residency, 30 days	Rep. Mitchell
HCR 24	Transportation, Study Committee	Rep. Crane (12)
H 610	Overtaking a School Bus	Rep. Shepherd

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

H 583: **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated this legislation fixes an inconsistency created after the passage of the voter legislation last year regarding the timeline for proof of residency and obtaining a no-fee Idaho state identification card. He explained, currently the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) requires any new resident to obtain an Idaho driver's license no later than 90 days after moving into the state, but to be eligible to vote, the residency requirement is only 30 days, both requiring the individual to surrender their current out of state identification or driver's license. This legislation will change the 90 day requirement to 30 days so driver's licenses and no-fee voter identification cards are consistent.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 583** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 24: **Rep. Crane**, District 12, stated this legislation will authorize the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of traffic corridors of existing State Highways 55, 16, and 95, and potential alternative routes for safe vehicle travel between central Idaho and the Treasure Valley. Rep. Crane (12) yielded the podium to former United States Senator **Larry Craig**.

Larry Craig, former United States Senator, stated he's been aware of concerns regarding north-south travel in Idaho dating back to the 1970's, but said it wasn't until 2006, when **Governor Kempthorne** proposed a new highway to relieve some of the traffic congestion on Highway 55, a law was passed to conduct a study to find an alternate route. He explained, Highway 55 was originally intended to be a Scenic Byway due to the beauty and scenic values driving through the Payette River canyon, not a major highway supporting commercial and heavy traffic use. Mr. Craig continued, it cannot be widened to accommodate the increased traffic use due to the constraints of the canyon, and indicated, although there was a law in place in 2006 to do a study to look for alternative routes, it was never funded. **HCR 24** is very similar to the 2006 study proposal with the main difference between it and 2006 is Highway 55 is now upwards of 500 percent beyond its capacity, which translates to more congestion, vehicle accidents, and fatalities. He commented, he is **in support** of the study proposed in **HCR 24**, because it is critical for all Idahoans to have a safe alternative north-south route.

In response to a committee question regarding the economic impacts to the towns along Highway 55 if an alternate route was established, **Mr. Craig** replied, the study would look at all impacts to State Highways 55, 95, and 16 as well as the potential impacts of a new route, for example, environmental and economic impacts.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **HCR 24** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 610: **Rep. Shepherd**, District 7, stated this legislation replaces **H 535**, to correct some errors. He explained, **H 610** has three components. First, it increases the fines associated with illegally passing school buses to deter unsafe driving behaviors. Second, it will change first-time offenses from a misdemeanor to an infraction, with the second and subsequent convictions remaining a misdemeanor. He indicated, reducing the first offense to an infraction allows the defendant to resolve the fines imposed online, by phone, or by email, eliminating multiple court appearances and dropped cases. Third, it will grant the Department of Education administrative rights to the School Bus Camera Fund, which is where fines are deposited, and will be used for the purchase of school bus stop arm cameras, software, equipment, and training. **Rep. Shepherd** yielded the podium to his cosponsor, Clearwater County Sheriff, **Chris Goetz**.

Chris Goetz, Sheriff, Clearwater County, stated law enforcement and prosecutors rarely want to see a misdemeanor for a school bus violation go on somebody's record, and supports reducing the first violation to a driving offense infraction rather than a criminal misdemeanor. He explained, the language in this legislation came from the Insurance Ticket Statute, which outlines the first offense as an infraction, with a \$300 fine, and second and subsequent offenses within five years, a misdemeanor, with a minimum fine of \$600 up to \$1,000, and up to six months in jail. He concluded by stating this legislation also better defines the fines go into the School Bus Camera Fund and the Department of Education will administer those funds.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to send **H 610** 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 2:04pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 640	Vehicles, Service-Only Facilities	Rep. Holtzclaw
H 638	Strategic Initiative Grants, LHTAC	Rep. Palmer
H 637	Countywide Highway Districts	Rep. Tanner

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

TIME: 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane (12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma, 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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20 and 22, 2024 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 640: **Rep. Holtzclaw**, District 20, stated this legislation establishes a service-only facility, operated by a licensed dealer within the dealer's relevant market area, where the dealer performs any repairs or other services on vehicles, but does not engage in the sales, lease, trade, or display of new or used vehicles. He indicated, the service-only facility shall not be considered a dealer or dealership.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 640** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Holtzclaw** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Palmer turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Mitchell**.

H 638: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation makes a change to the administrative process with the Strategic Initiatives Grant Program, which was established in 2023. This grant program provides additional money to communities impacted by growth due to state highway and overpass projects that create additional traffic loads on local roads, with 50% of the grant money going to rural projects and 50% going to urban projects. Initially, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) was charged with administering and maintaining the grant program, but with this legislation, that responsibility will be transferred to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) because they are better set up to manage the program. Additionally, this legislation will require large urban areas receiving grant money to match 20% of any funds received, and any unsuccessful applicants will be required to reapply in order to be considered for future grant opportunities.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to send **H 638** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Mitchell turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer**.

H 637:

Rep. Tanner, District 14, stated this legislation is an attempt to make Idaho's one countywide highway district, Ada County Highway District (ACHD), a better, more centralized system, and to hopefully set a model for other county highway districts to follow. He explained, after looking at several different ideas, it was decided to move forward with increasing the number of commissioners from five to seven to provide better representation across the county. There are six incorporated cities as well as unincorporated areas within ACHD to factor in when redrawing the boundaries, and with the first attempt to divide ACHD, the county commissioners will take on this task. In the future, it will become the responsibility of ACHD to manage boundaries. He indicated there are specific criteria to follow when drawing the boundaries, including not breaking up any census blocks, precincts, or unincorporated cities, except that the minimum number of precincts or incorporated cities, beginning with the largest cities, may be divided as required to achieve a total population variation of no more than ten percent from the smallest to the largest subdistrict. Rep. Tanner remarked, this ten percent variation is the same requirement used for setting legislative districts.

Rep. Tanner explained, the next part of this legislation is the partisan aspect. Looking at other examples of countywide elections, commissioners, coroners, and treasurers are all partisan, so this would align the highway district commissioners with the others to be more consistent. He indicated, in the 2024 election, commissioners representing districts two, four, and six shall be elected for two year terms, and commissioners representing districts one, three, five, and seven shall be elected for four year terms. Thereafter, all districts will be on a four year term cycle. Beginning in 2026, the election would then be conducted as provided by Idaho law relating to holding general elections at the county level, which shall be on a partisan basis. He also discussed salary levels for the highway district commissioners.

In response to committee questions regarding why this change is necessary, **Rep. Tanner** stated this change is to address population growth and to provide better representation across the county. In response to questions regarding the partisan issue, he explained it is to align highway district commissioners to the rest of the countywide elections, which are all partisan. In response to questions regarding ending duly elected commissioners before their terms expire, he remarked when there is change, sometimes there are disruptions, as it is in this situation, with the process to realign the commissioners' terms. He stated, there was never any intent to punish anyone.

Bonnie Shuster, self; **Ryan McGoldrick**, Conservation Voters of Idaho; **Kay Hummel**, self; **Cynthia Gibson**, self; **Robert Elliott**, self; **Nina Pienaar**, self; **Gary Parkinson**, self; **Susan Eastlake**, self; **Patrick Spoutz**, self; and **Chris Daily**, self, all testified **in opposition** to **H 637**. They were of the opinion that the legislation brings partisan politics where it doesn't belong, unnecessarily expands and grows government, and unfairly removes commissioners from duly elected positions before their terms are up.

Alexis Pickering, President, ACHD, spoke on behalf of the board **in opposition** to **H 637**. She stated they were never consulted, the current board is working well together, has a good working relationship with the cities, unincorporated areas, mayors, and city councils, and does not believe road systems need to be partisan.

John Evans, Mayor, Garden City, spoke **in opposition** to **H 637**. He stated he was profoundly disappointed the mayors were never asked to weigh in on this legislation. He remarked, this legislation will not fundamentally change ACHD's operations, but will only create more power and influence by the staff, which will just make it worse. He commented, if the goal is to make ACHD partisan, there are better ways to achieve that goal through proven governance models.

Rep. Tanner provided closing remarks. He stated this legislation is to address population growth and to provide better representation across the county by increasing the number of commissioners from five to seven. He said making changes like this does sometimes create disruptions, and this is not punishment to anyone. He concluded by stating because this is the only non political district, that was an issue, and will be corrected by aligning it with other partisan countywide elections. The hope is to create a model other county highway districts can follow.

MOTION: **Rep. Hill** made a motion to send **H 637** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 637** in committee. She stated, if this is such a good idea now, it will still be a good idea next year. This will give time for discussions to take place because it was clear very few, if any, knew this bill was coming.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion to **HOLD H 637** in committee. **Motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 10 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, and Burns.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Palmer, Reps. Mitchell, Dixon (1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Manwaring, Shepherd, Handy, Hill, and Miller.** **Reps. Blanksma and Crane (12) were Absent/Excused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Burns** requested a roll call vote on the original motion to send **H 637** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 5 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Palmer, Reps. Mitchell, Dixon (1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Manwaring, Shepherd, Handy, Hill, and Miller.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, and Burns.** **Rep. Blanksma and Crane (12) were Absent/Excused.** **Rep. Tanner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Monday, March 04, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 689	Dealers and Salesmen	Rep. Blanksma

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer

Vice Chairman Mitchell

Rep Dixon (1)

Rep Holtzclaw

Rep Monks

Rep Blanksma

Rep Manwaring

Rep Shepherd

Rep Crane (12) (Crane)

Rep Handy

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 2024

TIME: 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer (Johnson), Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane (Crane)(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Gannon, Burns

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 Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:09pm.

H 689: **Rep. Blanksma**, District 8, stated this consensus legislation strengthens a balanced relationship between Idaho's franchised auto dealers and their manufacturer partners. It also clarifies and modifies the existing roles of both the dealers and their manufacturers to ensure each party is treated fairly in this age of rapid change. She stated, this ensures free local markets continue to exist in Idaho, providing the Idaho consumer choice, which benefits all involved. Rep. Blanksma yielded the podium to **Jim Addis**.

Jim Addis, Executive Director, Idaho Automobile Dealers Association, stated **H 689** is consensus legislation specific to franchised dealers and their manufacturer partners who use franchised dealers. Nothing in this legislation impacts used dealers, wholesale dealers, non-franchised new dealers, or those manufacturers who do not have franchised dealers. He explained, the main purpose is to maintain competitive markets in Idaho given the rapid change in technology and practices emerging in the industry and in the marketplace. It also clarifies the roles of both Idaho's franchised dealers and their manufacturers to ensure each party is treated fairly to continue the long history of free local markets in Idaho for the benefit of Idaho consumers.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to send **H 689** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Wednesday, March 06, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew40/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1216	Driver's Licenses, Revoke, Cancel	Senator Herndon
S 1258	Public Rights-of-Way	Senator Herndon
S 1282	Vehicles, Temporary Registration Permits	Senator Trakel

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer (Johnson)	Rep Manwaring	Rep Miller
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Shepherd	Rep Petzke
Rep Dixon (1)	Rep Crane (12)	Rep Yamamoto
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Handy	Rep Gannon
Rep Monks	Rep Hill	Rep Burns
Rep Blanksma	Rep Lanting	

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 06, 2024

TIME: 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer (Johnson), Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring

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 Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Mitchell** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD S 1258** in committee to address some concerns brought to his attention. There being no objection, the request was granted.

S 1216: **Senator Herndon**, District 1, stated this legislation amends **Idaho Code, Section 49-303**, regarding which persons shall not be issued a driver's license. He explained, this legislation will bring the statute into conformance with current practices of the Department requiring revocation of all licenses if the person falls into any one of the 14 categories listed in the statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **S 1216** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1282: **Senator Trakel**, District 11, stated this legislation amends **Idaho Code, Section 49-523**, to revise a provision regarding temporary vehicle registration permits. He stated, this legislation will allow the issuance of a temporary vehicle registration permit for up to two 30-day periods per vehicle, per owner, if the owner is attempting to sell their vehicle. He explained, when a person buys a new vehicle and transfers the current license plates from the old vehicle to the new one, the seller currently has to register the old vehicle and purchase license plates, which are good for a year, for the purpose of being legal when a potential buyer wants to test drive the vehicle. Once the vehicle sells, those license plates are no longer valid and will be thrown away. This legislation will save both the owner and the state money and resources by allowing the purchase of up to two 30-day temporary permits rather than purchasing actual license plates.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **S 1282** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:36pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1365aa	Driver's Licenses, Next of Kin	Senator Harris
S 1311	Military Burial Eligibility	Senator Trakel
S 1317	License Plates, Don't Tread On Me	Rep. Boyle

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice Chairman Mitchell

Rep Dixon (1)

Rep Holtzclaw

Rep Monks

Rep Blanksma

Rep Manwaring

Rep Shepherd

Rep Crane (12)

Rep Handy

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TIME: 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma, Shepherd, Miller

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

Chairman Palmer introduced the committee's new Page, **Silas Frederick**.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28 and March 6, 2024 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Palmer announced, due to the absence of the first bill presenter, he was changing the order on the agenda.

S 1311: **Senator Trakel**, District 11, stated families should be able to honor their veteran loved ones at the Idaho Veteran's Cemetery and utilize the facilities to do so if the deceased is eligible for honors and the facility is available, without the requirement of the Idaho Veteran's Cemetery being the final resting place. He explained some families were denied a service because their deceased were not being interred there. The issue was quickly corrected, but to assure this won't happen again, **S 1311** adds a new section to **Idaho Code, Section 65-109**, which clarifies the eligibility and service requirements.

Mark Tschamp, Director, Idaho Division of Veteran's Services, stated they take the care of veterans seriously, and because they are not perfect, admitted a mistake was made by a junior employee regarding turning away families who wanted to schedule services for their veteran loved ones without internment. Once they discovered this mistake, the issue was quickly corrected and the junior employee received additional training. He stated, although this issue is covered in federal statute, which applies to the state cemetery, he is **in support** of **S 1311** if it will alleviate concern this could happen again.

Daniel Murphy, self; **Karen Brodesser**, self; and **Rosa Martinez**, self, all testified **in support** of **S 1311**. They were of the opinion all veterans should be honored regardless of where they are laid to rest.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to send **S 1311** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. He commended the Director for remedying the situation to honor all veterans and appreciates this bill clarifies in statute how this situation will be handled moving forward. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1365aa: **Rep. Manwaring**, District 29, stated **S 1365aa** will allow for the creation of a Next-of-Kin Database within the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This will give DMV the ability to collect the necessary information for coroners and law enforcement to notify a relative or friend in the case of injury, death, or other emergencies. He indicated, this information is voluntary for the driver's license owners.

Torey Danner and **Kelli Brassfield**, Idaho Association of Counties; **Daniel Murphy**, self; and **Michael Johnson**, Boise County Coroners Office all testified in support of **S 1365aa**. They were of the opinion people tend not to carry next-of-kin information in their wallets, which makes it very difficult to try and find next-of-kin with so many new residents who may become involved in accidents, so this voluntary database will be a very useful tool.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to send **S 1365aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1317: **Rep. Boyle**, District 9, stated **S 1317** will allow for the new Gadsden flag "Don't Tread On Me" specialty license plate. She stated, funds from the purchase of this license plate would establish a Firearms Safety Grant Fund to cover initial costs of the new plate program, and to establish and maintain a firearms safety education course for primary and secondary school students. The firearms safety education course will be developed and instructed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, a law enforcement agency, a national firearms association, or a person recognized as having expertise in firearms safety education, and will be an elective course.

Aoibheann Cline, National Rifle Association (NRA), spoke in support of **S 1317**. She highlighted the significance and history of the Gadsden flag and provided an overview of the NRA non-profit firearms safety programs the organization provides to people of all ages in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **S 1317** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Burns** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Monday, March 18, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1252	Defend the Guard Act	Rep. Hill

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer

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Rep Dixon (1)

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 18, 2024

TIME: 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane (Crane)(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, 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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

S 1252: **Rep. Hill**, District 14, stated how much he loves the National Guard and his comments are not directed at any individual in attendance today. He remarked, without a congressional declaration of war as outlined in Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, the Idaho National Guard should not be deployed into active duty combat, except in the instances of an invasion or insurrection. He continued, there hasn't been a declaration of war since 1941, and since that time, there has been a deviation to that practice sending National Guards from one war to the next. He stated the Idaho National Guard's mission is to be in the state so when the Governor needs his militia, they will be available. He believes World War III is coming and our National Guard needs to be prepared, equipped, and ready.

Speaking **in opposition** to **S 1252**; **Leslie Wolf**, 32-year Idaho National Guard member, self; **Lehi Hartwell**, self; **Bradley Stock**, self; **Chris Brasley**, self; **Lee Pierce**, representing Idaho National Guard Enlisted Association; **Christian Duplessie**, representing Idaho National Guard Officers Association; **Richard Turner**, Retired Brigadier General, self; **Tim Donnellan**, Commander, Idaho National Guard, representing the Adjutant General and the 5,000 Idaho National Guardsmen; and **Matt Smith**, representing Professional Firefighters. They were of the opinion Idaho National Guard's primary purpose is to serve as combat reserves. If **S 1252** passes, the majority of the National Guard funding, which is provided by the federal government to recruit, train, and equip the Guard will be at extreme risk of being taken from Idaho, which would greatly impact combat readiness and the ability to assist with national defense.

Speaking **in support** of **S 1252**; **Joe Evans**, self; **Nicolas Gatejen**, self; **Dan McKnight**, self; **James Kroenke**, self; **Ryan Spoon**, self; and **Kent Burns**, self. They were of the opinion a congressional declaration of war must be declared before any National Guard units are deployed overseas in active duty combat. This hasn't happened since 1941. **S 1252** is an attempt to realign and correct the balance of power between the Executive and Legislative Branches of the federal government. This will end the Executive Branch's ability to send National Guard troops to endless wars without congressional oversight or accountability.

Rep. Hill yielded the podium to **Senator Adams** for closing remarks. Senator Adams defended **S 1252** stating it will not get in the way of the Idaho National Guard going overseas for training, just a hard "no" for overseas combat. He indicated this is federalism, how the founding fathers established a way for states to challenge the federal government. Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution gives Congress the ability to declare war, and not using it should be challenged. He continued, the founding fathers separated the war powers from the Executive Branch, and the oath is to the U.S. Constitution, not to the Department of Defense. He stated Congress would not defund the Idaho National Guard.

Rep. Hill commented, he only wants the Idaho National Guard to be equipped, trained, and ready for the next war, which he believes will be World War III.

Chairman Palmer announced **S 1252** was properly before the committee.

After a lengthy silence, **Rep. Dixon (1)** stated this is a very difficult topic, but is one that needs to be addressed. He remarked, the primacy of the U.S. Constitution is important, and understands the fears of what might happen, but a decision is necessary.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to send **S 1252** to the floor **WITHOUT** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1252** in committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** requested a roll call vote on **S 1252**. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 12 AYES, 4 NAYS, and 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Chairman Palmer, Reps. Mitchell, Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Crane (12), Handy, Lanting, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, and Burns.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Dixon (1), Shepherd, Hill, and Miller.** **Rep. Manwaring was Absent/Excused.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Friday, March 22, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 729	Highway Funds, Benefit Motor Vehicles	Rep. Palmer
S 1226	Space Force	Rep. Palmer Senator Winder

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer	Rep Manwaring	Rep Miller
Vice Chairman Mitchell	Rep Shepherd	Rep Petzke
Rep Dixon (1)	Rep Crane (12)	Rep Yamamoto
Rep Holtzclaw	Rep Handy	Rep Gannon
Rep Monks	Rep Hill	Rep Burns
Rep Blanksma	Rep Lanting	

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 22, 2024

TIME: Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks, Miller, Gannon

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.

Vice Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 12:09pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12 and 18, 2024 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 729: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation corrects the name of the account where highway user revenues and ad valorem levies are accrued. The account is called the Highway Distribution Account. On page one lines 22 and 23, the word "state" is removed and "distribution" is added. Additionally, **H 729** states expenditures of these funds shall be certified annually, stating all funds from this account have been expended for their intended purposes.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 729** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1226: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation updates **Idaho Code, Section 49-102**, by adding "Space Force" to the list of U.S. Military Branches of the Armed Forces.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **S 1226** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

Representative Mitchell
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE
1:30pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW40
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of Minutes	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Palmer Rep Manwaring
Vice Chairman Mitchell Rep Shepherd
Rep Dixon (1) Rep Crane (12)
Rep Holtzclaw Rep Handy
Rep Monks Rep Hill
Rep Blanksma Rep Lanting

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MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

TIME: 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw (Johnson), Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill (Brown), Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Miller

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.

MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
Rep. Burns made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2024 meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote.
Chairman Palmer thanked the committee members for their good work this session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary