

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 09, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive (Mendive), Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Greg Casey, Veritas Advisors; Rialin Flores, CVI; Brian Brinks, IWR; Lynn Tominaga, IGWA

Chairman Gibbs called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 90: **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game stated this legislation will revise several Fish and Game misdemeanors to infractions in **36-1401**, Idaho Code. This legislation integrates the Fish and Game Commission Rule with current statute so a violation of upland game bird shooting hours on certain WMAs designated by Fish and Game Proclamation or Rule is an infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

Chairman Gibbs requested the record reflect there was no public testimony for **H 90**.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **H 90** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Jordan** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 25136: **Rep. Gestrin**, District 8, stated this Concurrent Resolution confirms the action this committee took which resulted in a full rejection of **Docket No. 20-0702-1601**, Rules Governing Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho, Idaho Department of Lands.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to introduce **RS 25136** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 25116C1: **Rep. Kauffman**, District 25, stated this proposed legislation would amend **42-1743B**, Idaho Code, which would direct the Idaho Board of Water Resources to notify each member of the Legislature of any changes to the comprehensive State Water Plan. This amendment would ensure that any changes to the State Water Plan is known by all legislators and the process remains transparent. The language concerns on page 2 identified in the February 7, 2017 committee meeting have been addressed in this corrected version.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 25116C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25145C1: **Rep. Erpelding**, District 19, stated this Concurrent Resolution asks the Idaho Department of Lands to produce an annual report detailing the managed uses of State Endowment Lands. The public would be able to find, within this one resource, locations of these lands, how much of the land is being used for certain activities such as logging, and whether or not they are accessible or inaccessible. If lands are inaccessible, that will be identified so the public doesn't try accessing them by potentially crossing private lands without permission or breaking other laws. Identifying that these inaccessible lands exist provides more transparency to the public. The report would use information from an already existing GIS-based inventory of all state-owned lands and the Department of Lands agrees this would be simple to pull already existing information into one report. The report would be due no later than September 30th each year, making the first report due September 30, 2017.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood** made a motion to introduce **RS 25145C1**.
The committee agreed this would be a valuable report but discussed concerns regarding "reasonable access" on line 13.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Wood** withdrew his motion to introduce **RS 25145C1**.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood** made a motion to return **RS 25145C1** to the sponsor to make the necessary changes regarding "reasonable access." **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25206: **Rep. Moon**, District 8, stated this proposed legislation provides a definition for a "commercial wildlife tannery." It also defines requirements for recording wildlife hides and skins, for a shipping compliance statement for a commercial wildlife tannery, and it provides for length of time for records retention.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25206**. **Rep. Moyle** declared Rule 38. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.

Representative Gibbs
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary