

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2017

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott, Smith, Jordan

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Teresa Molitor, Starship Technologies Inc.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

RS 25314: **Teresa Molitor**, Starship Technologies Inc., presented **RS 25314**, proposed legislation that defines "personal delivery device" and "personal delivery device operator." It provides an exception for personal delivery device in the definition of motor vehicle, and clarifies that personal delivery devices may operate on sidewalks. The legislation gives cities, counties, and highway districts the authority to adopt regulations for the safe operation of personal delivery devices. Finally, it adds a new section of code that lists requirements for and restrictions on personal delivery devices.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Molitor** stated the companies, who would provide the delivery service, carry general liability insurance.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 25314**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 127: Continuation of the meeting of February 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Loertscher turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Monks**.

David Leroy, Coeur d' Alene Racing, spoke **in support** of **H 127** and stated the compact should only allow what the state law permits. He stated the legislation provides for new language which is more precise.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Leroy** stated the legislation would help the Lottery Director to enforce the laws of the State and the definition needs to be more concise.

Stephen McPherson spoke **in support** of **H 127** and stated he is opposed to gambling and electronic gambling machines. He stated gambling is addictive and the legislation does not go far enough to stop it.

Steve Griffith, Mayor of Hayden, spoke **in opposition** to **H 127** and stated the legislation would affect the economics in Idaho, the tribes have helped the community, especially the Couer d' Alene Tribe.

In response to committee questions, **Mayor Griffith** stated the legislation is not a clarification, it is changing the law and adds confusion.

Bill Roden, self, spoke **in opposition** to **H 127** and gave a history of how tribal gaming came about in Idaho. He stated that according to Article 21, Section 19 of the Idaho Constitution, Indian lands shall remain under the absolute jurisdiction and control of the congress of the United States and requires the states to negotiate terms with the tribes regarding the compacts. He stated even if the legislation passed, it would not change the compact.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Roden** stated the State has the right to engage with authority as to the compact, which was a negotiation and the constitutionality of the compact is not a question. He stated the compact allows for the State to question the machines of whether they conform to the terms of the compact.

Tyrel Stevenson, Coeur d' Alene Tribe, spoke **in opposition** to **H 127** and stated the legislation creates more confusion because of the way it is written. He stated the tribes want to negotiate with the state to reach an agreement. He stated the games currently being played are legal and if the State has a concern, there is a dispute resolution process.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Stevenson** stated the tribes are concerned how the amendment could affect them because it is vague.

Chief Allen, Coeur d' Alene Tribe, spoke **in opposition** to **H 127** and stated **Proposition 1** was supported by the people of Idaho. He stated everyone needs to work together to resolve the issue.

In response to committee questions, **Chief Allen** stated the tribes will work with State officials and make a good faith effort to negotiate. He stated if a private person has a concern, they can take it to the people like the tribes did 20 years ago.

Jeremy Chou, Risch Pisca, Kootenai Tribe, spoke **in opposition** to **H 127** and stated the legislation creates uncertainty and adds to the confusion.

ADJOURN: Due to time constraints, **H 127** will be carried over to the meeting of February 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Representative Monks
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary