

MINUTES
SENATE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 01, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Souza, Senators Martin, Lakey, Guthrie, Agenbroad, Riggs, Ward-Engelking, and Burgoyne

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Patrick** called the meeting of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Patrick announced the Minutes Approval would be moved to a later time on the agenda.

S 1236 **HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the state contribution to a state employees' health savings accounts.** **Senator Thayn** noted this legislation addressed Health Savings Accounts (HSA's) for State employees by making it easier for the Idaho Department of Administration (IDOA) to calculate the monthly amounts deposited in an employee's HSA. **Senator Thayn** reported there was no fiscal impact to the General Fund nor to State employees because the monies came from existing funding. He pointed out the language on lines 29 through 33 of the bill stated "the employer shall deposit no more than the difference between the employer premium of the lowest deductible group health plan offered by the IDOA in the HSA established and created by an officer or employee enrolled in a State of Idaho high-deductible health plan."

DISCUSSION: **Senator Agenbroad** asked if an HSA plan should be put in place prior to this legislation. **Senator Thayn** remarked there was already an approved HSA plan and the IDOA had to put a plan in place. **Vice Chair Souza** and **Senator Thayn** discussed why there was a delay in implementing HSAs.

MOTION: **Vice Chair Souza** moved to send **S 1236** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Agenbroad** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Guthrie** moved to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2022. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

INTRODUCTION(S): **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).** **Chairman Patrick** pointed out there was a a handout in the agenda folders for future discussions at other Committee meetings. More information would be forthcoming.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Patrick passed the gavel to Vice Chair Souza.

DOCKET NO. 48-0101-2100F **Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule - Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, p. 600.** **Brenna Christison Smith**, Operations and Finance Manager, Idaho Wine Commission, reported there were no changes to the rule.

MOTION: **Senator Lakey** moved to approve **Docket No. 48-0101-2100F**. **Senator Riggs** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chair Souza passed the gavel to Chairman Patrick.

S 1232 **ARCHITECTS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS - Amends existing law to provide for the Board of Architects and Landscape Architects.** **Tim Frost**, Deputy Administrator, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (IDOPL), stated this legislation combined the Idaho Board of Architectural Examiners (IBOAE) and the Idaho Board of Landscape Architects (IBLA) into a single board of seven members to regulate architects, architect interns, landscape architects, and landscape architects in training. **Mr. Frost** noted this seven-board member approach was consistent with past board consolidation efforts with engineers/land surveyors and barbers/cosmetology.

DISCUSSION: **Vice Chair Souza** and **Mr. Frost** discussed the makeup of the new board.

TESTIMONY: **Benn Brocksome**, American Institute of Architects Idaho, testified in support of the bill. He pointed out there was a letter of support sent to the Committee (Attachment 1).

MOTION: **Senator Riggs** moved to send **S 1232** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1233 **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING - Adds to existing law to provide for the confidentiality of investigation records.** **Mr. Frost** asked to have this bill held in Committee. There were no objections.

S 1234 **DENTISTS - Amends existing law to remove a certain endorsement regarding dental hygienists.** **Mr. Frost** stated this legislation amended existing law to remove an endorsement regarding dental hygienists. He noted under current law, a licensed dental hygienist working outside the traditional dentistry office setting was required to obtain a second extended access endorsement license in addition to the baseline dental hygienist license. **Mr. Frost** indicated this legislation did not change any statute requirements related to a dental hygienist working under the supervision of a dentist nor did it change the scope of practice or services that a dental hygienist may provide.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Burgoyne** asked what the original intent was of the legislation and was there a concern. **Mr. Frost** explained this law removed an outdated requirement.

TESTIMONY: **Elizabeth Criner**, Idaho State Dental Association (ISDA), testified in support of the bill. She stated the dentist was still responsible for ensuring the hygienist performed the work included in the written orders for patients. She noted there was wide support from the ISDA.

Michael McGrane, Idaho Dental Hygienists Association, testified in support of the bill. He remarked the expansion of access to good dental care for a wide range of patients was essential.

MOTION: **Senator Lakey** moved to send **S 1234** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Guthrie** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1235

ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS - Amends existing law to update definitions and to provide additional options for monuments used as references on plats and surveys. **Mr. Frost** reported this legislation aligned several definitions to reduce confusion, provided alternative methods of signing documents, allowed new options for a basis of bearings (directions) on surveys, and allowed additional options for monuments used as references on plats and surveys. He stated these new options for signatures, basis of bearings, and reference monuments reduced repetitive work and lent stability to property boundaries.

TESTIMONY:

Tom Judge, Idaho Society for Professional Land Surveyors (ISPLS), testified in support of the legislation. He noted the legislation had widespread community support.

DISCUSSION:

Vice Chair Souza asked if the change was well received by the industry. **Mr. Judge** remarked the ISPLS came up with the idea and there was widespread support.

MOTION:

Senator Martin moved to send **S 1235** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Patrick** adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Senator Patrick
Chair

Linda Kambeitz
Secretary