

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong (Armstrong), Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

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

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

RS 29541: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 29541** which removes the Attorney General from the Idaho Constitutional Defense Council. Rep. Blanksma mentioned there are only two changes being made.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29541. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29570: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 29570** which removes exemptions granted to certain entities such as schools, libraries, etc. in Idaho Code to distribute materials to minors deemed obscene under Idaho Law to minors. This amends Code 18-1517, which removes school distribution from harmful materials to children.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29570. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29539: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 29539** which tightens up fraudulent unemployment laws. There is no general impact on the General Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29539. Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1262: **Rep. Boyle** presented **S 1262** which protects Second Amendment rights when there is a declared emergency and also protects the rights of firearm businesses whereas they are declared as an essential business. It also protects those of ammunition, components, and firearms.

Aoibheann Cline of the National Rifle Association stated her support in favor of this bill. **Del Chapel** resident of Nampa stated his support in favor of this bill. **David Taylor**, President of the Idaho State Rifle & Pistol Association stated his support in favor of this bill. **Benn Brocksome**, Advisor for Idaho Sportsmen stated his support in favor of this bill.

After many questions of whether or not this bill would restrict law enforcement to take action when facing a violent situation. It was stated that this bill has no conflict with law enforcement or their duties.

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to send **S 1262** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 532: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 532** which adds to and amends the existing law that allows the Secretary of State or County Clerk to petition for judicial rule of an election. Rep. Skaug mentioned that he recommends this become a law due to previous incidences where this bill would have helped with elections.

Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk testified how this is considered to be the "Elections Replay" bill. This legislation will call for a replay of elections to verify the true outcome of an election.

After many questions and concerns, **Clerk McGrane** stated where incidences in the past which had errors occurred and where this bill would have been effective.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State stated his support in favor of this bill.

MOTION:

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

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary