

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 28, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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.

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

RS 29592: **Rep. Dixon** presented **RS 29592** which brings new legislation forward stating that any non-government agency that facilitates refugees entering the state of Idaho provide background information and report it to their respective state agencies. This requires them to notify the Governor, the Dept. of Health & Welfare, and the Dept. of Labor of their relocation.

Rep. Young made the comment of the difference in verbiage on the Statement of Purpose and legislation itself. **Rep. Dixon** noted the difference and stated the changes would be made.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29592**.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Dixon** clarified the term "refugees" and its definition.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 604:
RS 29668:** **Rep. Monks** presented **H 604** which expands on the Governor's executive order to prohibit the state of Idaho from requiring proof of vaccinations or immunizations, by adding criteria regarding government employment, which allows for government employees to maintain their job without the need of a vaccine passport. It provides that individuals are allowed to receive help from the state, or enter into a location paid for by tax payers, without needing a vaccination passport. The major change in **RS 29668** from **H 604** is the specification that this applies solely to the coronavirus, and then defining the verbiage "government venue."

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to **HOLD H 604** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 29668** and send it directly to the second reading calendar. **Rep. Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29652: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 29652**. **Rep. Monks** asked for unanimous consent to refer to other legislation. **S 1262** deals with section 46-1008 of Idaho Code. **Rep. Monks** stated it is identical language to **S 1262**.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 29652**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29591: **Rep. Hanks** presented **RS 29591** which gives the opportunity for Idaho citizens to opt-out of smart meters. Rep. Hanks asked for verbiage to be added to the end of page 1, line 18, and mentioned that the emails she has been receiving from constituents have been concerning health issues. If constituents want to remove the meter, they have to pay for it and have no way to opt-out. There are several other states that do allow it.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29591** with the indicated changes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29632: **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 29632** which eliminates the ability to send electronic voter registration via email, requires a full name on the registration device, exempts phone numbers and email addresses from public records requests, and states that members of the military can have their voter registration cancelled if they are not citizens of the United States.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made the motion to introduce **RS 29632**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary