

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 28, 2022

**TIME:** 2:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma (Blanksma), Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Harris, Okuniewicz

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

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

Prior to hearing Rules Dockets from the Idaho Transportation Department, **Chairman Palmer** asked **Brian Goeke**, ITD Policy Program Manager to inform the committee how the department is currently processing motor vehicle records requests. Mr. Goeke said the department is processing records requests the same day they're received, contrary to one year ago when they were waiting for the new system to go live. He added, records can also be purchased via Access Idaho, an approved provider for ITD.

**DOCKET NO. 39-0000-2100F:** **Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez**, ITD Government Affairs Project Manager, presented **Docket No. 39-0000-2100F**. Mr. Hobdey-Sanchez commented, for the fourth consecutive year, ITD has continued its efforts to streamline and update the agency's administrative rules to the benefit of citizens and businesses across the state. He gave the committee a walkthrough of the Omnibus Fee Rule.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 39-0000-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 39-0000-2100:** **Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez** presented **Docket No. 39-0000-2100**. Mr. Hobdey-Sanchez said the majority of the work on this Omnibus Pending Rule was based on updating chapters that had not been touched in years and ensuring all outdated information was removed. There was also a focus on removing restrictions. He added, ITD invested heavily into making sure the rule making process was done transparently and carefully.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 39-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 39-0343-2102:** **Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez** presented **Docket No. 39-0343-2102**. ITD continues its efforts to address utility accommodation within the state. This Pending Fee Rule relates only to small wireless facilities, not fixed broadband currently being installed. The Idaho Transportation Department has put a "soft pause" on the broadband element of the rule making, but will continue to engage with broadband stakeholders, the public and elected officials, to further analyze and update the necessary policies and procedures to meet federal requirements and improve broadband access across the state.

**Robert Beachler**, Idaho Transportation Department, Planning Services Section, Broadband Program Manager, said in order to update the department's policy and fee structure to allow small wireless facilities to be located within the state highway rights-of-way, the department is requesting this rule be changed from a non-fee rule to a fee rule.

**Jason Verduzco**, Public Policy and Community Affairs Director, Verizon, expressed gratitude to the Idaho Transportation Department for the effort put into the rule making for small wireless facilities.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 39-0343-2102. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary