

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2024

TIME: 11:15 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Guthrie, Vice Chairman Bernt, Senators Winder, Harris, Lee, Toews, Wintrow, and Shea (Ruchti)

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Anthon

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CONVENED: **Chairman Guthrie** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 11:15 a.m.

WELCOME: **Chairman Guthrie** welcomed all to the Committee meeting.

RS 31747 **Relating to a Concurrent Resolution Denouncing Racism and Hate Speech.** **Senator Lee** stated that **RS 31747** was a resolution against hatred and racism. She referenced an incident in Coeur d'Alene, in which the University of Utah women's basketball team was targeted with racial harassment. **RS 31747** acknowledged what had happened and demonstrated that Idaho was not a welcoming place for hateful ideologies. It was important for the Legislature to present a pointed and clear statement that indicated the actions were not representative of the State of Idaho.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Wintrow** thanked the sponsors for bringing the resolution. She appreciated the resolution.

Senator Bernt remarked that there were good people in northern Idaho, and the incident didn't represent Idaho values.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to send **RS 31747** to print. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Guthrie passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Bernt.

H 727 **PUBLIC UTILITIES - Adds to existing law to prohibit public utilities from requiring the disclosure of full social security numbers as a condition of receiving any product, commodity, or service provided by the public utility and to provide an exception.** **Senator Guthrie** stated that **H 727** prohibited a public utility from requiring more than four digits of a customer's social security number in exchange for furnishing a product or service. In the event that a full social security number was needed for a credit check, then the records were deleted within 10 days.

DISCUSSION: **Vice Chairman Bernt** noted there was nobody signed up to testify.

MOTION: **Senator Lee** moved to send **H 727** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Bernt passed the gavel back to the Chairman.

H 735

APPROPRIATIONS - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - PERMANENT BUILDING FUND - Relates to the appropriation to the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works for fiscal year 2025. Senator Winder referred to page 3, section 8 of **H 735**, in which the session laws of 2022 were referenced. The language dealt with the Idaho Transportation Department relocation to the Chinden campus. He stated that **H 735** interfered with a good faith process to surplus and dispose of the Idaho Transportation Department property and relocate the headquarters to the Chinden campus. He recommended that **H 735** be held in Committee or sent to the 14th Order of Business for possible amendment.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Guthrie** noted there was nobody signed up to testify.

MOTION: **Senator Lee** moved to hold **H 735** in Committee subject to the call of the chair. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Guthrie** adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Senator Guthrie
Chair

Peggy Caraway
Secretary