

MINUTES  
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 28, 2016

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Luker, Vice Chairman Sims, Representatives Barbieri, Perry, Clow, Horman, Malek, Collins, Cheatham, Loertscher, Redman, Kloc, McCrostie, Nye

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Perry, Rep. Horman, Rep. Loertsche

**GUESTS:** Gary Rohwer, Idaho State Fire Commissioner's Association; Jonathon Parker, Hollan & Hart LLP; Neil Colwell, Avista Corp.; Amber Pence, City of Boise; Callie Foster, Lobby Idaho

**Chairman Luker** called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nye** made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2016 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24145:** **Rep. Hixon** presented **RS 24145**. This proposed legislation gives the option for fire protection boards to reduce the board size from five commissioners to three commissioners. It also specifies time-frames to revise subdistricts in accordance with Idaho Code.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Malek** made a motion to introduce **RS 24145**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24111:** **Jim Clark**, Frontier Communications, presented **RS 24111**. This proposed legislation will place language in Idaho Code that will provide a mechanism to recover the cost of relocating telecommunication facilities. Additionally, this proposed legislation sets forth the amount to be recovered and a description of how it would be calculated.

In response to committee questions, **Renee Wheeler**, Frontier Communications, explained that Frontier Communications is not required to go through a regulator to receive authorization for an increase in rates. Frontier Communications does not usually adjust rates due to the competitive marketplace, and Frontier Communications does not have franchise agreements.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Clark** explained that there will be no reactivity with this proposed legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 24111**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24129:** **Rep. Gestrin**, District 8, presented **RS 24129**. This proposed legislation amends the water and sewer district law by providing an annexation into a district or withdraw from a district in an area within the city by resolution and/or ordinance of both governing bodies, it provides for minimum annexation capabilities but also provides for de-annexation. It provides for prior notice to the public for an election, in the event of a petition signed by not less than 10% of qualified electors of the city and/or district as submitted requesting an election. Provides for a rate payer to participate in the annexation discussion if they so choose, provides for an agreement for a transfer of the assets to the water and sewer district, and provides for court action in conformance with formation of the process of the water/sewer district. This proposed legislation amends several parts of statute, and provides clarification that annexation does not change the status of a recreation water/sewer district. This legislation also provides for options to have director zones.

**MOTION:** Rep. Malek made a motion to introduce **RS 24129. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

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Representative Luker  
Chair

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Chelsea Cantrell  
Secretary