## MINUTES

## **HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M. PLACE: Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane,

Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott,

Smith, Jordan

ABSENT/ **EXCUSED:**  Representative Smith

**GUESTS:** Keith Watts, IPPA/City of Meridian; Bob Perkins, IPPA/Ada County; Justin Ruen,

Association of Cities; Larry Maneely, Ada County; Skip Smyser, Idaho Press Club.

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

S 1074aa: Senator Den-Hartog presented S 1074aa, a bill that modifies and updates the

procurement statutes related to political subdivisions. Modifications include changes to dollar threshold amounts for both informal and formal bid processes, a change in the delegation of procurement authority for County Commissioners, and exemption and bonding changes related to some types of public works projects.

Keith Watts, IPPA, City of Meridian, gave a detailed outline of the contents of the bill which focuses on three procurement areas: 1) Delegation of Authority- which allows the County Commissioners to delegate procurement authority should they want to do so; cities and taxing districts have authority to delegate; 2) Modifications to political subdivision service and property procurement statutes- Dollar threshold exclusion \$50,000; informal bid: \$50,000 to \$100,000; formal bid: \$100,000 and above; inclusion of designee to open, award, or reject bids; addition of exclusions 3) Modifications to public works statutes- \$50,000 Bright Line for public works; exemption and bonding: \$50,000; informal bid: \$50,000 to \$200,000; formal bid: \$200,000 and above; inclusion of designee to open, award, or reject bids.

MOTION: Rep. Crane made a motion to send S 1074aa to the floor with a DO PASS

recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane will sponsor the bill

on the floor.

Chairman Loertscher turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Monks.

H 273: Chairman Loertscher presented H 273, a bill that amends existing law to

> revise the definition of "public agency." He stated the Idaho Open Meetings Law applies to all public agencies of state and local government that are created by statute. However, the Law does not apply to the 28 public agencies established by Executive Order of the Governor. The legislation applies the Law to all public

agencies established by Executive Order.

Skip Smyser, representing Idaho Press Club, spoke in support of H 273.

MOTION: Rep. Luker made a motion to send H 273 to the floor with a DO PASS

recommendation.

Several committee members agreed the legislation is needed to ensure

transparency within government.

VOTE ON Vice Chairman Monks called for a vote on the motion to send H 273 to the floor MOTION:

with a DO PASS recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman

Loertscher will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:	adjourned at 9:30 a.m.	ss to come before the committee, the meeting was	
Representative Loertscher		Kasey Winder	
Chair		Secretary	