

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Holtzclaw, Horman, Packer, Redman, Kingsley, Moon, Syme, Scott, King, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Packer

GUESTS: Susan Buxton, Director, Division of Human Resources; Suzanne Budge, Idaho Marketers and Convenience Stores Association Representative; Hugh O'Riorda, Givens Pursley LLC

Chairman Hartgen called the meeting to order at 1:32PM.

S 1209: **Rep. Armstrong** explained the bill would allow for more positions on the board of the Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund to be held by wholesale distributors of petroleum products.

MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to send **S 1209** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Armstrong** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Ms. Suzanne Budge gave testimony to further explain the bill and as well as providing statistics and information about the work of the Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund Board. She also testified that in comparison to programs from across the nation that were created in response to the requirements set out by the EPA in the 1990's that Idaho's program is both unique and is one of the most successful programs in the country.

Mr. Hugh O'Riorda gave testimony as a lawyer for the Board from a legal stand point and explained that the Fund is used as Insurance rather than a "clean up fund".

H 489: **Ms. Susan Buxton**, Director, Division of Human Resources, explained the bill would remove "provisional appointments" from Idaho Code as it had not been used in thirteen years.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 489** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 490: **Ms. Buxton** explained the bill would clarify existing legislation as well as provide for bonuses for non-classified employees. This bill mirrors legislation that was passed in the 2017 session for classified employees.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 490** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Buxton** further explained that the budget for these bonuses would come from existing agency personnel budgets and had to be approved through the Division of Human Resources Director. She also explained that this legislation was in part prompted by an inquiry from the Attorney General's office.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:12PM.

Representative Hartgen
Chair

Amie Taylor
Secretary