

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt (Call), Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Stevenson, Armstrong, Clow, Monks, Andrus, Furniss, Nichols, Raymond, Smith, Berch, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** none

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, and February 11, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 112: **Rep. Crane** presented **H 112**, legislation updating Idaho Insurance Code dealing with investment and reporting requirements for domestic insurers, clarifying disclosure requirements regarding an officer or director's investments, and add a limited disclosure exemption for certain investments commonly found in 401k or other retirement accounts. Clarification is provided regarding investment allowances for land and buildings used for home office purposes, and adjusts the allowable investment levels for miscellaneous bringing them in line with most states.

Ron Williams, Delta Dental, spoke **in support** of **H 112**.

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to send **H 112** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 146: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 146**, legislation establishing a flat recording fee for all instruments, regardless of page count. Application of changes revealed differences in interpretation as to documents over 30 pages and whether the document was in a predictable fee category. The proposed single flat recording fee, \$27, for all documents regardless of type or page count, will remove the need for interpretation and simplify the fee structure. County revenue from recording fees will be affected.

Those speaking **in support** were **Phil McGrane**, Clerk of the District Court, who explained that public documents would be easier to record, and inaccurate fee documents slow closing times, and **Burt Willie**, Idaho Chapter for Community Association.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 146** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 158: **Rep. Armstrong** presented **H 158**, legislation addressing homeowners associations not limiting or prohibiting the installation of solar panels or collectors on structure rooftops unless the restriction reflects a safety requirement consistent with building code or safety standards for protection of persons or property. **Rep. Rubel** spoke to the bill, explaining most other states allow solar panels, putting Idaho behind.

Those speaking **in support** were **Lisa Hecht, Brindee Collins**, Vial Fotheringham, LLP, **Emilee Reeves, Joye Joans**, Pres., Idaho CAI, **Burt Willie**, Idaho Chapter for Community Association, **Eric Jackson**, HOA, **Sara Stack, Courtney White**, ICEA, **David Becker, Roberta Damico, Joshua Hill**, Solar Industry Professional, **Jesse Simpson**, Solar Industry, **Micah Hornback**, Solar Industry, **Derek Jackson**, Solar Industry, **Brian Lowley, Cay Marquat, Heather Dermott**, Idaho Business for Outdoors, **Jennifer Ellis, Ed Wardwell**.

Speaking in opposition, Joe Canning, President of Hillcrest Lane Home Owners Corporation, stating the panels may be unattractive to other homeowners who's views may be affected.

Rep. Rubel's closing remarks explained the difficulty of solar panel installation, and a professional would be needed.

MOTION: **Rep. Green(18)** made a motion to send **H 158** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a substitute motion to send **H 158** to General Orders.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested on the substitute motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 5 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. DeMordaunt, Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Stevenson, Clow, Monks, Andrus, Nichols, Raymond, and Chairman Dixon. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Armstrong, Furniss, Smith, Berch, Green(18)**. **Rep. Armstrong** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary