

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Will Goodman, Mountain Home School District; Peter Jurhs, Nampa School District; Jeremy Pisca, Newspaper Association of Idaho

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

RS 26895: **Rep. Crane** presented **RS 26895**, legislation proposing an increased threshold from 125 to 140 electors for mail-in-ballot precincts.

MOTION: **Rep. Zito** made a motion to introduce **RS 26895**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 160: **Rep. Raymond** presented **H 160**, legislation relating to sole-source and emergency declaration in regards to competitive bids. The proposed legislation would make technical corrections to existing Idaho Code which would allow for a sole-source declaration to be made without an emergency declaration being made first.

Rep. Crane invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 160** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 161: **Rep. Raymond** presented **H 161**, relating to political subdivision procurement notices. The language change would allow IT procurements over \$100,000.00 to be posted online in lieu of posting in a newspaper. **Rep. Raymond** explained notices posted in a newspaper may not reach all of the services that are apt for providing goods or parties that may be interested in the contracts. The proposed language would make both methods of posting legal.

Will Goodman, Director of Operations & Technology, Mountain Home School District, testified **in support** of **H 161**. **Mr. Goodman** explained the option to post IT procurement notices online saves money for the school district and taxpayers. There is a built in tax when the school district publishes in the newspaper and can cost approximately \$400 per RPF because code stipulates two postings in the newspaper. There are online options for archival.

Jeremy Pisca, attorney, Risch Pisca Law Firm, testified **in opposition** to **H 161** on behalf of the Newspaper Association of Idaho. **Mr. Pisca** explained the benefits of publishing in the newspaper including a third-party, neutral interest, inability for any notice to be hacked, and ability of the public to know what the government is doing.

Peter Jurhs, CIO, Nampa School District, testified **in support** of **H 161**. **Mr. Jurhs** explained the legislation is a good attempt at making government agile and transparent with the community. He also stated a benefit of posting notices online is metrics and analytics are able to measured and various political subdivisions are able to track how many people visit the online platforms where notices could be posted.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 161** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Crane stated the legislation would include and apply to all governmental agencies, not just school districts. Although **H 161** is a step in the right direction, **Rep. Crane** is not sure it will accomplish the goal it is intended to. For those reasons, he will be voting **NAY**.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 6 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Harris, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Hartgen, Young. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Armstrong, Crane, Andrus, Smith, Gannon, Green(18). Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 85: **Rep. Zito** presented **H 85**, legislation proposing exempting the State of Idaho from observing Daylight Saving Time and keeping the state on Standard Time year round. **Rep. Zito** explained the negative effects of observing Daylight Saving Time which include health issues, loss of productivity, increase in crime, etc.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 85** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep Green(18)** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Zito** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Representative Harris
Chair

Julia Grief
Secretary