

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 25, 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:** Representative(s) Monks

**GUESTS:** Russell Westerberg, Good Government; Chloe DeGraff; Jonny Gilman; Samantha Smith; Parker Mower; Abby Atkinson; Danny Dildine; Ethan Simpson; Lydia Busacker; Mary Getchell, United Methodist Women; Mark Browning, CUI

**Chairman Harris** called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13th and February 14th, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26926:** **Rep. Zollinger** presented **RS 26926**, relating to concealed weapons. The proposed legislation will not expand any current firearm rights, rather it will correct the definition of a knife with a blade. In current code, a knife with a blade of 4 inches is defined as a deadly weapon. However, the proposed legislation would redefine a knife of a blade of 6 inches as a deadly weapon. Other proposed changes clarifies confusing language relating to concealed weapons.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 26926**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**SCR 102:** **Rep. Amador** presented **SCR 102**, relating to the authorization of bonding \$25,000,000.00 for North Idaho College (NIC) through the Idaho State Building Authority. Rep. Amador introduced **Rick MacLennan**, President, North Idaho College, who read a letter from **Christie Wood**, Chair, North Idaho College Board of Trustees. The letter summarized NIC's plan to bond through the ISBA including the dedicated funding stream for the projects. (See Attachment 1)

In response to committee questions, **Mr. MacLennan**, answered the ISBA is the most advantageous tool for the college to use due to the college's dedicated funding stream and current capital reserve. NIC is not currently carrying any debt.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. MacLennan** introduced **Chris Martin**, Vice President of Business and Finance, North Idaho College. Mr. Martin answered the college is not using local lending options because utilizing the ISBA is the most advantageous option. The direct risk lies with NIC to make the payments of the bonds, but if NIC were to become insolvent, the State of Idaho would be responsible to pay the bonds. Mr. Martin explained the ISBA is the best option for NIC because it has the full force of the state and they provide better interest rates for the college.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Amador** answered the ISBA has been utilized on every community college to fund capital projects.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. MacLennan** answered NIC has initiated a comprehensive strategic master plan which included community forums and workshops conducted with the Board of Trustees.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Amador** introduced **Wayne Meuleman**, Executive Director, Idaho State Building Authority, who answered the obligation to pay the bonds if NIC were to default is exclusively held by the college. The bonds held by the ISBA are not debts held by the state and the sole source of the payments is the college. The bonds will not be issued based on the state's credit rating, but rather on the college's.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **SCR 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Palmer** stated because the college will be incurring debt and other options for funding have not been explored, he will not support the current motion. **Rep. Crane** explained because he did not receive clear answers and the funding of this community college is more of a local issue, he cannot support the motion either.

**Rep. Barbieri** explained the college is only asking for authorization to utilize the ISBA and the risk should be minimal.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion failed by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

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Representative Harris  
Chair

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Julia Grief  
Secretary