

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, April 05, 2019

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis (Page), Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Phil Haunschild, IFF; Chelsea Wilson, PPA

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

H 300: **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 300**, legislation allowing the Director of Idaho State Police to issue permits for interstate transport of hemp.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 300** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Phil Haunschild, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in opposition to H 300**. He was of the opinion the legislation has two main issues: permitting and check stations. He expressed concern about out-of-state hemp supporters not knowing how to obtain the permit. If they do not have an active permit, their product could be seized, including at check stations. He state the legislation would create a burden to interstate commerce.

Chelsea Wilson, Idaho Farmers for Health, testified **in support of H 300**. She was of the opinion that although the legislation is not a perfect solution, it does provide a better alternative to current law and it would keep local control intact.

Rep. Troy, co-sponsor of **H 300**, clarified a few points of the legislation including the permits would be issued from the Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture as opposed to the Director of Idaho State Police. She also explained the permitting process will be similar to the brand inspection process and although the Federal government has not issued regulations with regards to permits, the State of Idaho has the supremacy to regulate interstate commerce. The fees from the permits would go to a dedicated fund for hemp development.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Boyle and Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Julia Grief
Secretary