

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Youngblood

GUESTS: Carson Tester, Westerberg & Associates; Matthew Conde, AAA Idaho; Brian Goeke, ITD; Nicia Chopski, POW*MIA Awareness Assn; Mark Stevensen, National League of POW/MIA Families; Ian Freeman, Bill Hamilton, Military Order of Purple Heart; Al Cole, VFW Post 2738; Ryan Lancaster; 1SG (R) Richard Debilzan, Dessert Storm Veteran; Margie Baker, Casey Baker

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

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2021, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 84: **Brian Goeke, DMV Policy Manager, Idaho Transportation Department,** presented **H 84.** This legislation eliminates two obsolete parts of Code. Being eliminated is the outdated practice of requiring drivers to surrender their driver's license when their driving privileges are withdrawn. The bill also repeals a section of Code relating to the Non-Resident Violator Compact (known as NRVC). Idaho no longer participates in the NRVC, which is a reciprocal agreement among states to ensure payment of fines, by suspending individuals for unpaid fines in other states. Leaving this Code in tact causes confusion with other states regarding whether or not Idaho is still a participating state.

Speaking **in opposition** were: **Matthew Conde**, AAA Idaho and **Mike Kane**, American Property and Casualty Insurance.

Margie Baker spoke **in support** of the bill.

Brian Goeke addressed concerns. He said Idaho Transportation Department has no ability to enforce the statute. Other states in the NRVC have already been notified Idaho is no longer a participant.

H 128: **Brian Goeke** presented **H 128.** As of January 1, 2021, the federal odometer law that exempts disclosure on a vehicle due to its age, changed from ten to twenty years. The federal odometer law requires a seller to disclose mileage to the buyer on the title certificate unless the vehicle is exempt. This bill modifies the duplicate title and transfer process in Code to align with federal odometer law changes, beginning with the 2011 model year.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to send **H 128** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Addis** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 85: **Rep. Syme** presented **H 85.** Current law allows a Purple Heart recipient to have only two vehicles with Purple Heart plates. This legislation will allow a Purple Heart recipient to have more than two vehicles with Purple Heart license plates.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to send **H 85** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 132: **Rep. Syme** presented **H 132**. This bill addresses an effort to designate Highway 26 as it crosses the nation, as the POW/MIA Highway. **H 132** will name Highway 26 where it crosses Idaho, the POW/MIA Highway. **Rep. Syme** requested the bill be sent to General Orders to correct an error, by changing "shall" to "may" on line 14.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to send **H 132** to General Orders with an amendment as follows: change "shall" to "may" on line 14.

Speaking **in support** of **H 132** were **Mark Stevensen**, **Ian Freeman**, Idaho Chapter of the Purple Heart and **Ryan Lancaster**. Mr. Lancaster, a traffic engineer, encouraged protection of highway engineering principles. He recommended the POW/MIA Memorial Highway designation signs be placed in rest areas or scenic turn-outs. He also suggested providing certain biographical information on POW/MIA soldiers on the signs.

Rep. Syme explained there is no requirement in **H 132** for the placement of signs, as that is an Idaho Department of Transportation issue.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary