

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational meeting	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Mendive	Rep Galloway
Vice Chairman Kingsley	Rep Nate
Rep Barbieri	Rep Skaug
Rep Clow	Rep Weber
Rep Christensen	Rep Berch
Rep Bundy	Rep Green
Rep Erickson	Rep Davis

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 20, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: None

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

Chairman Mendive welcomed the Committee members and had them introduce themselves. He also introduced the Secretary and Page before giving a brief explanation of the Committee and stating the committee would be taking remote testimony on bills this session if any members of the public wished to use it.

Chairman Mendive assigned proof reader duties to **Rep. Green** and **Rep. Bundy** and thanked them.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS28178</u>	Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee Membership	Rep. Skaug

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jake Cluff, BB&A; Madeline Gregg

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 20, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28178C1: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 28178C1** to the committee stating it would require all members of a municipal impact group to reside within the jurisdictional area of the municipality. It would also require two members to be part of the development community and two members to not be part of the development community.

In response to Committee concerns **Rep. Skaug** stated he did not believe that imposing these requirements would lead to problems in finding community members to sit on these committees. He also explained this legislation was created out of concern for fairness of representation within communities with developmental impact as well as to bar individuals from outside of the affected community from making decisions for the community as a whole.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 28178C1**.

The Committee voiced concerns about a clause barring government employees from sitting on developmental impact committees, stating they also have a right as tax payers to be involved. **Rep. Skaug** responded by citing a situation in which the community felt that the decisions made in the committee were not in their best interests, due to 4 of the 5 members being government employees. The committee discussed the possibility of modifying that language through a motion.

Chairman Mendive called a recess at 1:48 PM to make sure that the committee could proceed with their proposed business in proper order.

Chairman Mendive called the committee back into order at 1:49 PM.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Burns** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to return **RS 28178C1** to the sponsor for corrections. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, February 02, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28356	Relating to Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee Membership	Rep. Skaug

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Rep Green(Morales)
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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Barbieri
GUESTS: Hubert Osborne; Glen Rimbey; Madeline Gregg
Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.
MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 28356: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 28356** to the Committee stating it was nearly the same as the previous legislation he presented to the Committee and credited **Rep. Green** with the change. This legislation would require at least two members of any development impact fee committee to be part of the development community and at least two to be part of the general public in the affected area. It would also bar any government employees from holding a position on the committee in their official capacity.
MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 28356**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Mendive reminded the Committee of the February 12, 2021 bill introduction deadline.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Monday, February 08, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28425	Ambulance Districts	Brody Aston, Westerberg and Associates

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PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Jason Boal, APA Idaho; Brody Aston, Ada County; Russell Westerberg, Ada County
Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.
MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 28425: **Brody Aston**, Ada County, presented **RS 28425** to the Committee stating it would add ambulance districts to the current list of districts which provide public facilities in Idaho Code. This would essentially allow ambulance districts the same freedom to benefit from impact fees and enter into agreements with cities, which fire and highway districts already have. He further stated this proposed legislation would have no impact on the general fund.
In response to Committee questions **Mr. Aston** clarified his previous statement, stating this proposed legislation would simply allow ambulance districts to enter into impact fee agreements with cities just like highway or fire districts, but would not require them to do so. He also stated there are twenty-four counties in Idaho which currently operate under a system where ambulance districts are funded mainly through property taxes and this legislation may help to lessen those property taxes.
MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 28425**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

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Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28487	Development Impact Fee Committees	Rep. Skaug
RS28427	Community Reentry Centers	Rep. Okuniewicz

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PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representative(s) Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Barbieri, Clow
GUESTS: Brody Aston, Westerberg & Associates
Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.
MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 28487: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 28487** to the Committee stating this proposed legislation was the same as the previous versions he had introduced, but with amended code citations and provisions for currently standing committees who may not be in compliance.
MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 28487**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 28427: **Rep. Okuniewicz** presented **RS 28427** to the Committee stating it would require community reentry programs to apply for a special use permit before opening. He stated community reentry programs are for pre-release prisoners and allow them to go out into the world to work while still serving their terms. The Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) currently has no requirements to notify residents of areas before they open one of these centers. This has lead to animosity for the program but adoption of a special use permit process has helped in some cases. This legislation is not to stop reentry centers from being opened but is to provide a structure to allow for negotiation between IDOC and County Commissioners. It would also allow the opportunity for public hearings and public input.
In response to Committee questions **Rep. Okuniewicz** stated he had not spoken to the IDOC nor any other related agencies about this legislation prior to bringing it before the Committee but planned to meet with them before it comes to the Committee as a bill. He then further clarified the difference between a half-way house and a reentry program, stating this proposed legislation deals only with reentry centers and not with any issues surrounding halfway houses. He also clarified this proposed legislation was directed at state agencies and not local municipalities, so any problems falling under the purview of a municipality would not be covered under this legislation.
MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to introduce **RS 28427**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW05
Friday, February 12, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS28519	Property Transfer, Recreation Districts	Rep. Nichols
RS28520	Development Impact Fees	Rep. Nichols

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PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen, Green

GUESTS: Jason Boal, APA Idaho; Brody Aston, Westerberg & Associates

Vice Chairman Kingsley called the meeting to order at 11:46 AM.

RS 28519: **Rep. Nichols** presented **RS 28519** to the Committee stating it would be a clarification of existing code in order to provide for new growth and development. This legislation would authorize some governmental agencies to enact a transfer of lands or property between themselves at no cost rather than a sale. She added this would help to eliminate a double tax on the citizens of Idaho as they would not be asked to re-buy property which has already been purchased with taxpayer money.

In response to Committee questions **Rep. Nichols** clarified the definition of recreational districts stating they are similar to Parks and Recreation. Additionally she presented a specific case in which a school district needed to sell land to a recreational district, and stated taxpayers should never need to pay for property which they already own.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 28519** for printing. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Kingsley turned the gavel over to **Chairman Mendive**.

RS 28520: **Rep. Nichols** presented **RS 28520** to the Committee stating it was also a clarification to existing code and would add fire stations and apparatus to the public safety facilities definition to the Idaho Development Impact Fee Act. This would allow for improvements under capital improvement plans.

Rep. Barbieri made a motion to introduce **RS 28520**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Representative Mendive
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1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1044	Eminent Domain, Limitation	Sen. Souza
H 110	Impact fees, Ambulance Districts	Brody Aston, Westerberg and Associates
H 124	Impact fees, Committee	Rep. Skaug

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DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen

GUESTS: Jason Boal, APA Idaho; Glen Rimbey; Hubert Osbourne; Brody Aston, Ada County; Steve Maddel; Jake Cluff, BB&A; Russ Westerberg, Ada County

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

S 1044: **Sen. Souza** presented **S 1044** to the Committee stating it would remove the power of Eminent Domain from Urban Renewal Committees that are comprised of non-elected members. Under this legislation If the board is not entirely made up of elected members they may still be involved in the process but only in an advisory capacity. In this case the right of Eminent Domain will go to the City Council to be voted upon.

In response to Committee questions **Sen. Souza** clarified that in her opinion a responsible city council would always vote on Eminent Domain considerations but it's not necessary to put in code. She also clarified the difference between "Right of Eminent Domain" and "Power of Eminent Domain" as defined in this legislation. The "right of" is the ability to use the action of Eminent Domain while the "power of" is the action itself. Lastly she reiterated that currently non-elected Urban Renewal Boards do have the power to use Eminent Domain.

Steve Maddel, testified in support of this legislation. He cited personal experience with Eminent Domain in another state. He continued stating Eminent Domain can be easily over used and abused and he would like to see it curbed as much as is possible.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **S 1044** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

The Committee voiced support for the legislation's attempt to balance the concerns of growing communities in regards to both long and short term planning. Committee members agreed that Eminent Domain should not be an easy process and that elected officials should be held accountable by voters, but worried that re-election campaigns and political pressure might curb decisions that must be made to address the growth many communities are facing. Additionally it was stated that elected officials may have a bigger picture of issues than a narrowly focused Urban Renewal Board. Finally Committee members clarified that even appointed members of the boards could still be elected officials even if the boards themselves are not elected.

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

H 110: **Brody Aston**, Westerberg and Associates, on behalf of Ada County presented **H 110** to the Committee stating that this would add ambulance districts to the list of districts which provide public facilities in Idaho Code. This legislation allow ambulance districts to enter into agreements with cities that would allow them to benefit from development impact fees in a similar manner to fire and highway districts.

Jason Boal, APA Idaho, testified **in support** of this legislation and stated this would expand the opportunity for funding especially as the state continues to grow.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to send **H 110** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 124: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 124** to the Committee stating it would bring balance to the relationship between builders and communities. He cited a personal experience while on the Nampa City council where the development community was keeping the city's impact fees artificially low as the inspiration for this legislation and stated the legislation would greatly benefit communities.

Hubert Osbourne testified **in support** of **H 124** and thanked **Rep. Skaug** and the other sponsors for the work they did to bring this legislation before the Committee. He stated the importance of maintaining a fair balance of power even on a Committee that functions only as an advisory body. He acknowledge the potential increased difficulty of finding members for these committees but stated the importance of the ability for citizens to have input on fees that impact their communities.

Mr. Maddel testified **in support** of **H 124**. He stated people should have a say in impact fees that affect them as well as stating his opinion that all decisions should be kept as close to the people they affect as possible. He stated he would like to see more done on this issue but this legislation is a good start.

Mr. Boal, APA Idaho, testified **in support** of **H 124**. He stated appreciation for the balance of power this legislation introduces as well as appreciation for the clear criteria for committees to remain in compliance if this legislation is passed.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 124** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Skaug** will sponsor **H 124** on the floor.

Chairman Mendive recognized **Nathan DeMordaunt**, the Committee Page, for his service to the Committee, presented him with a letter of recommendation and wished him well in all future endeavors.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, March 02, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 155	Property transfer, recreational districts	Rep. Nichols
H 156	Development impact fees	Rep. Nichols

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen, Skaug
GUESTS: Jason Boal, APA Idaho; Jake Cluff, BB&A, AIC; Tim O'Meara, Middleton Fire, Middleton P&R

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021, February 12, 2021, and February 18, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 155: **Rep. Nichols** introduced **H 155** to the Committee stating it would add recreational districts to the list of districts that can enter into agreements with governments. This would allow some governmental agencies to enact a transfer of lands or property between themselves at no cost rather than a sale. She stated the current restrictions have lead to issues in some communities, which were brought to her attention by a constituent.

Tim O'Meara, Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District, stated the reason he approached **Rep. Nichols** was to transfer an old school building. The school district owns the building but has been allowing the Parks and Recreation District to use the building. The Parks and Recreation District has spent a large amount of money into making it a usable community center. This legislation would allow the city to transfer ownership from the school district to the Parks and Recreation district without a formal sale. He stated this would be a small formality which would be very helpful to the community.

In response to Committee questions **Mr. O'Meara** explained the Parks and Recreation District is a different taxing district than the City Parks District.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 155** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep Nichols** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 156: **Rep. Nichols** introduced **H 156** to the Committee stating it would add fire stations and apparatus to the public safety definition. She stated there is currently an issue of clarity within cities and counties and this legislation would bring needed clarity.

In response to Committee questions **Rep. Nichols** stated "apparatus" typically involves equipment and is more narrowly defined within other parts of code. There are several definitions in regards to item that can be utilized, but in this section it will be defined as equipment specific to fire stations such as trucks, ladders, lights and other large equipment.

MOTION: **Rep. Nate** made a motion to send **H 156** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Jason Boal, APA Idaho; **Jake Cluff**, BB&A, AIC; and **Tim O'Meera**, Middleton Rural Fire District, spoke **in support** for **H 156**. They stated there is a need for this language, current Idaho statutes are very clear on their definition of "improvements" as equipment that will last for at least 10 years, but unfortunately most fire fighting equipment does not fit that description. They claimed this legislation is a straight forward clarification of existing statute and expressed hope that similar legislation for other first responder equipment such as ambulances might be passed in the future.

In Committee discussion, comments were made in appreciation for the additional clarity as well as the technical definition of "storm water". Additionally the committee questioned the language regarding "useful life of 10 years" and if impact fees include the same definition. Committee members commented this is currently an issue in police departments because the useful life of a police car is only 4-5 years.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion Carried by voice vote. Rep. Nichols will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1058	Library Boards	Rep. McCrostie

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Christensen, Weber
GUESTS: Sarah Bettmieser, Idaho Library Association

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

S 1058: **Rep. McCrostie** introduced **S 1058** to the Committee stating it would update the section of Idaho Code covering library boards. This legislation would require that members of a library board may not be a town or city mayor or any other elected official. It would also restrict any other city employee, who is in a position of power from serving on the board. He stated this will allow libraries to remain out of politics which will give them better ability to respond to any concerns or issues that arise in a non partisan and unbiased way. This will allow them to better serve every member of their communities.

Katherine Lovan, Idaho Library Association stated librarians have many challenges in their job. One of these challenges is navigating difficult issues and the more ability librarians and library boards have to respond to issues, the better they are able to serve the public. This legislation helps the libraries to stay independent and do the best job possible.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to send **S 1058** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members commented their local libraries have always managed to keep politics out of their business and it has been of great value to the community.

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

Chairman Mendive introduced the Committee Page for the second half of the session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow (McClusky), Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug (Andrew), Weber, Berch, Green, Davis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Clow (McClusky), Galloway, Davis

GUESTS: None

Chairman Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 and March 8, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Mendive presented a card and letter of appreciation to **Bella O'Neil**, the Committee page, and thanked her for her service to the Committee.

Chairman Mendive announced that there would likely be no more legislation to come before the Committee and future meetings would occur at the Call of the Chair.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary

AGENDA
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
 AND
 HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**
 1:30 P.M.
 Room WW02
 Monday, April 26, 2021

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	DEQ Water and Infrastructure Ratings	Jerri Henry, Drinking Water Protection and Finance Division Administrator; MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Grants and Loans Bureau Chief

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Mendive	Rep Galloway
Vice Chairman Kingsley	Rep Nate
Rep Barbieri	Rep Skaug
Rep Clow	Rep Weber
Rep Christensen	Rep Berch
Rep Bundy	Rep Green(Morales)
Rep Erickson	Rep Davis(Burns)

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Chairman Ehardt	Rep Armstrong	Rep Yamamoto(Yamamoto)
Vice Chairman Wisniewski	Rep Furniss	Rep Chew
Rep Vander Woude	Rep Hartgen	Rep Necochea
Rep Horman	Rep Lickley	Rep Nash
Rep Scott	Rep Young	
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MINUTES
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
AND
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Monday, April 26, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW02

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green (Morales), Davis (Burns)

Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Wisniewski, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Amador, Armstrong, Furniss, Hartgen, Lickley, Young, Adams, Yamamoto, Chew, Necochea, Nash

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Christensen, Erickson, Skaug, Green (Morales)

Representatives Horman, Young, Nash

GUESTS: MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ; Jerri Henry, DEQ; Stuart Hurley, Mountain Waterworks; Tim Farrell, Mountain Waterworks

Chairman Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

Jerri Henry, Administrator, Drinking Water Protection and Finance Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) stated the goal of this presentation was to provide the Committees with a general overview of the DEQ waste water and clean water protection grant and loan program to assist them in later decision making. She stated the DEQ has statutory authority to accept federal grants and administer their grant and loan programs. This particular grant and loan program assists communities with updating infrastructure and is a well known program state-wide. Ms. Henry detailed how the grant and loan program is administered and stated under current rules Davis-Bacon and American Iron and Steel rules must be met in federally funded projects. She stated it is currently unknown what requirements ARPA funding will carry but listed the main concerns of the DEQ. Finally Ms. Henry expressed concern regarding the likelihood for project costs to increase the longer they wait to be completed due to the volatility of the market and rising costs of products.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Grants and Loans Bureau Chief, walked the Committees through an example of a Clean Water Loan Letter of interest for a project which was funded. She explained limited funding restricts the amount of projects which may be completed and the ranking process helps the DEQ determine which projects are most deserving of funding. She indicated the process is weighted towards projects which are able to be completed the most quickly and public health emergencies are considered as the highest priority.

In response to Committee questions **Ms. Peavey** clarified past projects which used federal funding were subjects to all requirements or restrictions which came with the funding. She also stated the DEQ keeps a record of all letters of interest submitted in the past five years as well as which of those letters of interest gained funding for their projects. In response to other questions **Ms. Henry** stated she would be able to provide an inventory of all waste water treatment systems and drinking water systems regulated by DEQ in Idaho. She also stated only one entity has gone into a long term default on their loan and while others have made late payments they were able to catch up on payments before long. She also clarified loan forgiveness amounts are determined by Environmental Protection Act capitalization grants. Finally she explained rising project costs and population growth have cause larger requests for funding.

Tyrell Stevenson, legislative director for the Couer d'alene tribe, presented the difficulty which small, low income communities such as the tribes face in trying to maintain failing infrastructure while simultaneously falling short of receiving funding from the DEQ.

Tim Ferrell, Mountain Waterworks, explained his firm's role in supplying drinking water infrastructure to rural communities and stated the need in Idaho is tremendous. He stated only 10% of the aging and failing sewer and water infrastructure in Idaho has been updated due to issues of affordability. He stated affordability has been pushed to it's highest limit and any additional funding should be used mainly to get infrastructure in the ground rather than on regulation costs. He stated drinking and waste water systems are of critical importance especially in rural areas and suggested streamlining the process would help to eliminate "soft costs" and enable more projects to be funded and completed.

Committee members shared concerns about the struggle to fund infrastructure needs in their communities and discussed the possibility of allocating a majority of the ARPA funds to update water infrastructure. The Committee also questioned how many projects are shovel ready in larger cities versus smaller cities and discussed the possibility for cities to use any match funds for soft costs in an effort to keep the overall projects costs lower.

Chairman Ehardt asked Committee members to consider this issue and to communicate during the interim as they may be asked to participate in distributions of the ARPA funds which will be coming to the state.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
12:00 P.M.
Room EW05
Tuesday, May 04, 2021

Or Upon Adjournment of the AM Floor Session

Limited public seating will be available in the committee room. For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of Minutes	

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MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, May 04, 2021
TIME: 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Barbieri, Clow, Christensen, Bundy, Erickson, Galloway, Nate, Skaug, Weber, Berch, Green, Davis
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representative(s) Nate, Berch
GUESTS: None
MOTION: **Chairman Mendive** called the meeting to order at 12:56 PM.
Rep. Bundy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote.
Chairman Mendive recognized **Emma Wall**, the Committee secretary and thanked her for all her hard work.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Emma Wall
Secretary