

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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:** None

GUESTS: Brian Ness, Dan McElhirney Idaho Trans Dept; Lauren Tschampl, Steve Stokes, Ben Call, Idaho Military Div; Shawn Keough, Assoc. Logging Contractors.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29018C1: **Major Stephen Stokes**, General Counsel, Idaho National Guard presented **RS 29018C1**. This proposed legislation eliminates an antiquated section of Code making it illegal for a "body of men" to "associate together as a military company or organization" or "parade in public with firearms in any city or town of this state unless they're called into service of the state."

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 29018C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29074: **Major Stephen Stokes** presented **RS 29074**. The proposed change to Code simplifies provisions regarding the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy (IDYCA). The change will allow the Adjutant General the ability to vet and nominate individuals for Governing Board selection.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 29074**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29025C1: **Major Nathaniel Petersen**, Brigade Judge Advocate, Idaho National Guard, said the Idaho Military Division seeks to amend and update Code in order to correctly reflect diversity within the Idaho Military Division.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 29025C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29076C1: **Lieutenant Colonel Lauren Tschampl**, Wing Judge Advocate, Idaho Air National Guard, stated the proposed change to Code clarifies provisions allowing the Military Division to charge state agencies for services provided to the agency.

MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to introduce **RS 29076C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29252: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 29252**, proposed legislation to remove the maximum wheelbase criteria in the definition of a UTV (utility type vehicle).

MOTION: **Rep. Okuniewicz** made a motion to introduce **RS 29252**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Brian Ness, Director, and **Scott Stokes**, Chief Deputy, Idaho Transportation Department, gave the annual ITD Legislative Presentation. They discussed Department appropriations, accomplishments and priorities, stating Idaho has been given more top transportation awards than any other state in the nation. Efficiencies have increased with better service at lower cost. Improved customer service is due in part to online and mobile tools, reducing trips to the DMV by 50%. Automobile dealers are now able to process official documents at the dealership. In his closing comments, Director Ness announced he will be retiring and Scott Stokes will be promoted to fill his position.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary