

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 24, 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:** Representative(s) Monks

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Chairman Palmer** introduced committee Page **Alex Bude`**, son of **Nathan** and **Maggie Bude`**. Alex, a Senior at Timberline High School, is sponsored by **Rep. Rubel**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 16, and 18, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 573:** **Rep. Adams** said the purpose of this bill is to provide a more timely method for disposal of abandoned and unclaimed low value vehicles. The current valuation for abandoned vehicle lien sale requirements does not reflect the market environment law enforcement agencies and tow companies find themselves in. This bill increases the value below which a vehicle is considered low-valued.

Speaking **in support** were **Randy Colson**, Rocky Mountain Towing and **Rick Burlingame**, Boise Valley Towing.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **H 573** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members expressed concern with who does the appraisals and vehicle assessments.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 573** in committee.

**Rep. Gannon** spoke **in support** of the substitute motion.

**VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the substitute motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**S 1267:** **Senator Woodward** said **S 1267** provides an exemption from stopping and inspection of noncommercial vehicles at check stations (ports of entry, weigh stations, and temporary check stations). These changes will reflect actual practice.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to send **S 1267** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 640:** In her presentation, **Rep. Green** told the committee this legislation creates a policy that includes the following: When the Idaho Department of Transportation does a highway project, it shall consider whether it would be appropriate to include the installation of broadband infrastructure during the construction. She added, the policy creates efficiency, minimizes the number of times a road is opened up and allows broadband providers the use of state rights-of-way for broadband infrastructure. In return, broadband providers must allow Idaho Transportation Department to use the broadband infrastructure for various public safety warnings.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 640** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Mitchell** said he will support the motion, but reserves the right to vote **NAY** on the floor. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary