

MINUTES
SENATE JUDICIARY & RULES COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2022

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lakey, Vice Chairman Ricks, Senators Lodge, Lee, Anthon, Thayn, Zito, Burgoyne, and Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Lakey** called the meeting of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee (Committee) to order at 1:04 p.m.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: **Chairman Lakey** welcomed Jeffery Betts who has been reappointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board (Board). **Mr. Betts** said he had been on the Board since its inception in 2011 and serves as the Juvenile Treatment and Assessment Specialist. **Mr. Betts** said he hopes to be reappointed so the remaining objectives can be completed.

Senator Lee asked what improvements have been made and what more could be done to keep our communities safe and help people rehabilitate. **Mr. Betts** replied that one of the things the Board has been able to do was to establish a set of standards for professionals that work with people who have committed sex offenses in our communities. **Mr. Betts** stated that the Board's mission was twofold. One was to make sure the current members and professionals do their work well and secondly, as they move into the final phase, address the registry. **Chairman Lakey** thanked Mr. Betts and said voting would be at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Vice Chairman Ricks** moved to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2022. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Senator Lee** moved to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2022. **Senator Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Senator Burgoyne** moved to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2022. **Vice Chairman Ricks** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Senator Lodge** moved to approve the Minutes of February 21, 2022. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Senator Thayn** moved to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2022. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Lakey passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Ricks.

HCR 50 **House and Senate Judiciary Committees Rule Approval.** **Chairman Lakey** said this Concurrent Resolution approved fee and non-fee administrative rules for the Department of Juvenile Corrections, Board of Correction, State Police Public Safety, State Police POST, and Commission of Pardons and Parole. The rule for the Public Defense Commission was not approved.

MOTION: **Senator Thayn** moved to send **HCR 50** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Ricks passed the gavel to Chairman Lakey.

H 775 **Relating to Refugees. Representative Sage Dixon** presented **H 775** and said it would require any non-governmental organization that facilitates the resettlement of refugees into the State of Idaho to report the age, sex, and country of origin to certain state agencies, as well as to the Board of County Commissioners and mayor of each city where the refugees are being placed. **Mr. Dixon** said the bill provides reporting dates and definitions, and makes all information exempt from disclosure. The reason for requesting the information of the refugees was to enable charitable organizations, church groups, schools, and whoever else may help where they were being resettled, to service them better.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Burgoyne** had multiple questions regarding **H 775**. **Jeff Wardle** thought the language of the bill was too vague. **Holly Beech** doesn't think the bill will help people. **Robert Nauerbout** said the information regarding the refugees was already available. **LaRay Wilson** stated this would have a negative effect on refugees. **Georgette Sekayhost** said this bill would infringe on the refugees right to privacy.

Senator Anthon said local communities should have that information available. They need to know how many people are coming to be able to help them.

MOTION: **Senator Burgoyne** moved that **H 775** be held in Committee. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senators Wintrow, Zito, and Anthon** asked to be recorded as voting nay.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lakey** adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Senator Lakey
Chair

Sharon Pennington
Secretary

Juanita Budell
Majority Staff Assistant