

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma, Crane(12), Lanting
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Alex Adams**, Administrator, Division of Financial Management, presented **Governor Little's** Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget recommendations. The presentation included how the budget was developed, safeguards to provide a cushion in the event less revenue is collected, and payoff of a portion of the GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle) bond debt, ahead of schedule, which frees up over \$6 million per year to put towards other transportation projects.
- Scott Stokes**, Director, Idaho Transportation Department, presented the Department's annual report to the committee. He stated the Department is responsible for operating, preserving, restoring, and improving over 12,000 lane miles of the state's highway system, 1,800 bridges, operating the DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles), assisting over 60 community airports, and operating and maintaining 32 backcountry airstrips.
- Mr. Stokes** addressed **Governor Little's** Leading Idaho initiative, which includes additional investments in Idaho's transportation systems. He also discussed the Department's ongoing budget initiatives, including priority corridor projects, restoring and preserving pavements on the state's highways, and replacing and rehabilitating bridges. He spoke of the acceleration of four major bond-funded highway construction projects, and the new on-line DMV program, which has resulted in a 50% reduction of in-person visits to DMV offices.
- RS 30034:** **Chairman Palmer** announced the bill sponsor requested **RS 30034** be withdrawn from the agenda.
- Chairman Palmer** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Mitchell**.
- RS 30023:** **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this proposed legislation would add a section to **Idaho Code, Title 16, Chapter 16**, authorizing the Director of Administration, in cooperation with the Idaho State Capitol Commission, to control the use of the roadways adjoining the capitol building.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 30023**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Mitchell turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary