

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 30, 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:** None

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 24, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30072: **Rep. Manwaring**, District 29, stated this proposed legislation amends **Idaho Code, Section 40-708**, to provide for more specific policy for the state highway accounts and levies. It states revenue from the highway users and authorized levies shall be spent exclusively for the maintenance, construction, and development of bridges and highways that benefit primarily motor vehicles in the local highway jurisdictions.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 30072**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30107: **Rep. Durrant**, District 23, stated this proposed legislation amends **Idaho Code, Section 49-307**, to clarify "daylight hours" means the period of time between 5:00am and 10:00pm local time, rather than the current restriction of 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 30107**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30028: **Rep. Nelsen**, District 26, stated this proposed legislation will streamline and simplify the process for disabled veterans to only have to file one time to receive a disabled veteran license plate and a placard for a second vehicle.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 30028**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 10: **Rep. Crane**, District 12, stated this legislation repeals an obsolete section within **Idaho Code, Section 40**, which in 2000, established the American Trucking Association Settlement Fund. Rep. Crane yielded the podium to **Josh Scholer**. **Josh Scholer**, Division of Financial Management, stated this Fund is no longer being used and has maintained a zero balance in the account for the past 17 years.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 10** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

H 25: **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation adds a new section to **Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 16**, to provide the Director, Department of Administration, in cooperation with the Idaho State Capitol Commission, the Governor, and the presiding officers of the Legislature, control of the use of roadways adjacent to the Capitol building. He explained, currently the state is limited in its abilities to respond to activities on streets adjacent to the Capitol, so this legislation would enable the Department the ability to provide for the safety of people in and around the building, as well as the security of the Capitol building and grounds. Rep. Palmer stated the Department would coordinate with the Speaker, the Pro Tem, and the Governor for approval of permanent alterations to roadways adjacent to the Capitol, with the best interests of the state in mind. He remarked, the Commission would adopt policies and procedures for implementation of the approval of the use of the streets and commented there are no changes to the statutory obligations for maintenance and for the operation of law enforcement of the roadways.

In response to a committee question regarding impact to the parking meters around the Capitol building, **Rep. Palmer** stated there could be impacts, but until the decisions are finalized, it's too soon to say. He remarked, if the state thinks it's in the best interest to do something different, it would be up to the Commission to make that decision.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 25** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Heidi Smith, representing herself from District 9, spoke **in opposition** to **H 25**, stating this is another example of government overreach without any examples of why this is needed.

Rep. Palmer stood and closed. He explained the Capitol building is unique being inside the city limits with protections to a certain degree. This legislation will add an additional layer of protection to the building, its grounds, and the people in and around the building.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Mitchell** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 25** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary