

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 04, 2014

**TIME:** 9:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representatives Anderson(1), Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Monks, Packer, Smith, Gannon, Woodings

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Anderson(1)

**GUESTS:** Tamara Mackenthun, Division of Veterans Services

**Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**S 1258:** **Katharine Gerrity** presented **S 1258** regarding codifier's corrections. The purpose of this bill is to make various codifier corrections and technical corrections to the Idaho Code. In terms of the codifier corrections, the codifier, in compiling the new laws that are passed every year, occasionally find minor changes that should be made. There are 36 sections of the Code that needed changes. Some of those changes were in names, programs, punctuation, and grammar.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **S 1258** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1270:** **Tamara Mackenthun** presented **S 1270** regarding Veteran's homes. Effective on August 22, 2011, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) authorized state veteran's homes to accept certain non-veteran parents of a child who died while serving in the armed forces. The purpose of this bill is to allow the three state veteran's homes in Boise, Pocatello, and Lewiston to admit as residents the parents of service members who died while on active service. As of now, spouses and parents are limited but the federal statute which governs VA per diem payments to only 25% of the population of the state veteran's homes, and 75% of the homes capacity is still reserved exclusively for veterans. Rules state that if a home is at or above 95% occupied, they will not accept spouses for admission, and if this legislation is passed the intention is to make all rules that apply to spouses also applicable to parents. Parents, like spouses will pay the full amount required to live in the homes; they will not receive federal VA per diem payments. Ms. Mackenthun stated the veterans homes are completely self-funded and no General Funds are put in the homes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Woodings** made a motion to send **S 1270** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Monks** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the motion.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Loertscher** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1270** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kasey Perkins  
Secretary