

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Weber, Representatives Monks, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Rubel, Necochea, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Dixon (1)

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 Weber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

RS 31427: **Rep. Green** presented **RS 31427**. This proposed legislation updates sections of the Homeowners Associations (HOA) Act by defining community manager and requiring HOA board members to declare conflicts of interest or familial relationships with entities seeking to enter service contracts with the HOA.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 31427**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31079: **Rep. Cannon** presented **RS 31079**, which codifies the definition retainable offense and defines the conditions for when fingerprints are taken and retained. It removes certain types of misdemeanors if they do not result in serving jail time in excess of six months.

In answer to a question from the committee, **Rep. Cannon** stated, in his view, it wouldn't be necessary for agencies to collect fingerprints unless it meets the criteria set out in the proposed legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 31079**.

Rep. Cannon clarified the fingerprinting requirements under this proposed legislation do not apply to agencies needing fingerprints for employment purposes.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31409: **Rep. Pickett** presented **RS 31409**, which defines domestic terrorism and redefines terrorism. Rep. Pickett explained the RS restores some of the language removed from **S 1220** in order to reinforce the RS will not be interpreted to allow extremist groups to operate in Idaho and to alleviate confusion.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. Pickett** stated people charged in cases similar in magnitude to those committed by **Timothy McVeigh** and **Ted Kaczynsky** would not be defined as a terrorist under this proposed legislation, but they would still be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The intent is to depoliticize the terms terrorist and domestic terrorist common in today's American vernacular and ensure due process.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31409**. Speaking to the motion, Rep. Burns stated he supports introducing the RS to open the discussion, but was concerned changing the definitions would risk losing the ability to prosecute serious acts with enhanced charges.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 31410:

Rep. Tanner presented **RS 31410**, which adds two commissioners to countywide highway districts and changes boundaries to include better representation. It also lays out criteria for implementing the new boundaries. Rep. Tanner explained these counties are comprised of several cities, and it would prevent a larger dense city from dominating the representation. The proposed legislation will also move the commission from a non-partisan to partisan election to ensure better representation.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. Tanner** explained under this proposed legislation the countywide highway district would be restructured in its entirety and positions for unexpired terms prior to the 2024 election would be removed.

Committee discussion focused on concern about the use of census blocks versus precincts for determining boundaries.

MOTION:

Rep. Monks made a motion to introduce **RS 31410**. **Motion failed by voice vote.** **Reps. Rubel, Necochea** and **Burns** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Representative Weber
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary