

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**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.

Vice Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

H 708: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 708** explaining this legislation provides accountability and limited liability to the state by prohibiting the state to act as an incorporator unless authorized by law with listed exceptions. Current state created non-profit will have three options following passage of this legislation including dissolving, disassociating, or reforming. The reform process will begin with a report filed with both the Secretary of State and State Treasurer. In response to committee questions, Rep. Ehlers explained there is not a list of these non-profits but it is believed there could be dozens of them. This list would be part of the report and would also include financial information. He gave examples of the Idaho Housing and Finance Association and University Booster Clubs as example of acceptable non-profits. He clarified this applies to all existing state corporations and would impact them unless they dissolve before the legislation passes. He closed stating decisions can be made to allow more in the future, but those decisions should be made by the legislature, not agencies.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 708** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke to the motion stating he will vote to send to the floor but has a concern the restrictions for board members may be too rigid.

Rep. Alfieri spoke **in support** of the motion complimenting the good bill and the transparency it provides.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Reps. Manwaring and Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 35: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **HCR 35** explaining this legislation establishes traditional family values month between Mother's day and Father's day. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri did not know the exact source of the statistics included in the legislation.

Matt Edwards testified **in support** of **HCR 35** stating it is exciting for Idaho to lead the way in this celebration of families. In response to committee questions, Mr. Edwards stated the statistics are what they are and should move people to support those communities.

Sadie Toews, Christiani Toews, and Stefanie Fetzer testified in support of **HCR 35** stating Idaho was founded on the principle of family and affirmed the stats regarding an increase crime in nontraditional homes is from the Department of Justice. In response to committee questions, Ms. Fetzer stated single or step parent situations inevitably lead to poorer outcomes for children.

Heather Stout testified in opposition to **HCR 35** stating a religious statement does not belong in state code and expressed concerns this legislation will be challenged in courts for being discriminatory. In response to committee questions, Ms. Stout clarified religious terms should not be included in legislation and highlighted how this resolution is discriminatory against those not in traditional families.

Vickie Fadness testified in opposition to **HCR 35** explaining healthy families come in all styles and felt this language was more suited for church than law. In response to committee questions, Ms. Fadness explained other holidays celebrate all people and do not alienate different families.

Mistie Tolman, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates Idaho, testified in opposition to **HCR 35** stating it is a threat to the LGBTQ+ community by including harmful stereotypes and a narrow definition of family. She also emphasized the lack of research regarding positive outcomes of non-traditional families in the bill.

Rep. Alfieri closed debate stating this resolution is not looking to offend any community it simply adds another celebration.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **HCR 35** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon spoke in opposition to the motion stating this resolution includes statistics which are not applicable to Idaho and are insulting to non-traditional families. He would like to see it be positive without the derogative narrative.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Representative Young
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary