

AMENDED AGENDA #3
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Thursday, January 11, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
WELCOME:	Opening Remarks	Chairman Okuniewicz
<u>RS 30885</u>	Relating to motor vehicle driver's licenses; Amending section 49-303, Idaho Code.	Senator Herndon
<u>RS 30910</u>	Relating to abandonment and vacation of County Highways or Public Rights-of-Way; Amending section 40-203, Idaho Code.	Senator Herndon
INTRODUCTION:	Senate Page: Caitlyn Ross	Chairman Okuniewicz
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:	Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of James Hoff of Idaho Falls, Idaho to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to serve a term commencing April 1, 2023 and expiring January 31, 2028.	James Hoff

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Okuniewicz	Sen Toews
Vice Chairman Den Hartog	Sen Trakel
Sen Winder	Sen Rabe
Sen Hart	Sen Just
Sen Carlson	

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Trakel, Rabe, Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Toews

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 P.M.

WELCOME: **Chairman Okuniewicz** welcomed all to the meeting.

RS30885 **Related to Motor Vehicle Driver's Licenses; amending section 49-303, Idaho code.** **Senator Herndon** presented **RS 30885** to the Committee to change a word pertaining to Section 49-303 Line 11 of Idaho code. There were 14 categories of persons that should not have a driver's license. In the case a person was issued a license from the prohibited category, the department of transportation had the authority to revoke the license. This Legislation changed "may" to "shall" and kept consistent with the wording of Section 49-303 Line 9. The Director for the Department of Transportation and Director of driver's licenses had been informed and there was no issue with the word change. **Senator Rabe** asked if a driver's license was mistakenly issued to one of the people in these categories, how the issue would be handled. **Senator Herndon** suspected it would only be in the case of a mistake that a driver's license was issued. If this happened, the department would revoke the license affirming Idaho Code.

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **RS 30885** to print. **Senator Just** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 30910 **Related to Abandonment and Vacation of County Highways or Public Rights-of-Way; Amending Section 49-203, Idaho code.** **Senator Herndon** presented **RS 30910** to the committee. Idaho code Section 40-203 defines two types of political subdivisions: Counties and Highway Districts. Under this section of code County Commissioners were given the authority to abandon public right-of-ways and public roads. Certain roads and right-of-ways furnished public access to State and Federal public lands and waters. **Senator Herndon** continued to state that through the process of abandoning these public roads and rights-of-ways, there was no provision of where evidence was presented to commissioners. The first change to this bill allowed evidence as to whether it was in the public's interest to abandon a road access that would limit or restrict access to public lands and waters. **Senator Herndon** also expressed that when a road or right-of-way has limited access to public lands and waters was considered for abandonment, a replacement access became as good or better than the initial access be created. As land became limited and subdivided to developers, access is wanted to these resources. **Senator Just** stated he had spent time working on the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and as part of a survey Idahoans

highly value the access to public lands. Providing a replacement was in line with Land and Water Conservation Fund criteria to receive grant funding. **Senator Just** thanked **Senator Herndon** for his efforts in this legislation.

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **RS 30910** to print. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

INTRODUCTION: **Caitlyn Ross, Senate Page**, shared with the committee that she was a senior at Meridian High School and had plans to attend Boise State University in the fall, study Political Science and move forward attend law school to become a lawyer. **Senator Carlson** asked what made **Ms. Ross** want to become a Senate Page. **Ms. Ross** stated that she had always been intrigued by the legislative process and her mother had exposed her to the process at a young age.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of James Hoff of Idaho Falls, Idaho to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to serve a term commencing April 1, 2023, and expiring January 31, 2028.** **James Hoff** introduced himself to the committee. **Mr. Hoff** stated his father served on the Idaho Transportation Department Board as well as on the Aeronautics Board. **Mr. Hoff** is a fourth-generation potato farmer, a third-generation pilot, and an aircraft mechanic. **Senator Winder** thanked **Mr. Hoff** for his willingness to serve. **Senator Just** asked where **Mr. Hoff** was from. **Mr. Hoff** replied with Bonneville County, just outside of Idaho Falls. **Senator Den Hartog** noted that the Hoff family had a business that provided fuel to the Aeronautics Department and asked for more information. **Mr. Hoff** stated his family supplied high quality fuel products to aviation related entities and supplied aircraft maintenance.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>11-1301-2301</u>	The Motor Carrier Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Lt.Colonel Bill Gardiner, Chief of Staff Idaho State Police
<u>39-0204-2301</u>	Rules Governing Manufacturer and New Vehicle Dealer Hearing Fees (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0222-2301</u>	Rules Governing Registration and Permit Fee Administration and Temporary Vehicle Clearance for Carriers - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0242-2301</u>	Rules Governing Conditional Vehicle Registration When Proof of Ownership is Insufficient (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0246-2301</u>	Rules Governing Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Permit (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0260-2301</u>	Rules Governing License Plate Provisions (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0276-2301</u>	Rules Governing Driver's License and Identification Card Renewal-By-Mail and Electronic Renewal and Replacement Processes - Temporary and Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0301-2301</u>	Rules Governing Definitions Regarding Special Permits (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0302-2301</u>	Rules Governing Movement of Disabled Vehicles (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0303-2301</u>	Rules Governing Special Permits - General Conditions and Requirements (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department

<u>39-0304-2301</u>	Rules Governing Special Permits - Overweight Non-Reducible (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0305-2301</u>	Rules Governing Special Permits - Oversize Non-Reducible (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0306-2301</u>	Rules Governing Special Permits for Extra-Length/Excess Weight, up to 129,000 Pound Vehicle Combinations (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0307-2301</u>	Rules Governing Special Permits for Reducible Loads (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0308-2301</u>	Rules Governing Self-Propelled Snowplows (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0340-2301</u>	Rules Governing Junkyards and Dumps (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0342-2301</u>	Rules Governing Highway Right-of-Way Encroachments on State Rights-of-Way (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0348-2301</u>	Rules Governing Routes Exempt from Local Plans and Ordinances (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0350-2301</u>	Rules Governing Safety Rest Areas (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department
<u>39-0401-2301</u>	Rules Governing Aeronautics and Aviation (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule	Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist Idaho Transportation Department

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PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Okuniewicz passed the gavel to Vice Chair Den Hartog.

Vice Chair Den Hartog stated there were several repeals being combined into new, rewritten chapters. The goal was to proceed with the hearing and efficiently go through each docket, discuss the presentation, and vote on them.

DOCKET NO. 11-1301-2301 **The Motor Carrier Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.** **Lieutenant Colonel Bill Gardiner, Chief of Staff, Idaho State Police** stated there were no regulatory changes whatsoever affecting the commercial vehicle industry. The purpose of these actions was simply to clean up existing regulations. There was a section that was struck, but it was recognized as having needed to remain in place. Paragraph B outlined exemptions for Idaho carriers from federal regulations. It specified that intrastate commercial vehicles between weights of 10,000 and 26,000 pounds only adhered to certain federal regulations, with the rest being exempt. The request was to approve the overall proposal, but reject the removal of the incorrect section. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** clarified the rejected portion was Section 019.01 (b). **Lieutenant Colonel Bill Gardiner** stated that was correct. There were no further questions and no testimony.

MOTION: **Senator Okuniewicz** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-1301-2301** with the exception of **Section 019.01 (b)**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Hart** clarified the language is to keep the rejected subsection (b) in the rule. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** stated the rejection of the struck section meant that it would revert to its previous iteration, thereby preserving the exemptions outlined in paragraph B.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0204-2301**

Rules Governing Manufacturer and New Vehicle Dealer Hearing Fees (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Brendan Floyd, Policy Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department (Department) introduced himself to the committee and gave a short review of what the department had done regarding the mandatory review cycle initiated by the Governor's **Zero Base Regulation (ZBR)** executive order. **Mr. Floyd** stated the current rule outlined fees and refunds for department hearings related to disputes between vehicle dealers and manufacturers. House 128 changed the hearing process, directing it through the newly created Office of Administrative Hearings. This alteration removed the Department's involvement in the process entirely, rendering the existing rule obsolete. There were no further questions and no testimony.

MOTION:

Senator Okuniewicz moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0204-2301**. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0222-2301**

Rules Governing Registration and Permit Fee Administration and Temporary Vehicle Clearance for Carriers - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated the sole purpose of modifying this rule was to incorporate these sections into a more relevant rule concerning commercial vehicle permit combinations.

MOTION:

Senator Toews moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0222-2301**. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0242-2301**

Rules Governing Conditional Vehicle Registration When Proof of Ownership is Insufficient (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd pointed out that this rule addressed the Department's authority to issue temporary registration when ownership of a vehicle was unclear. Title 2 Chapter 46 provided clarification on the conditions under which county officers and vehicle dealers issued temporary registration. The rationale behind these modifications was the belief that the provisions related to temporary registration were better suited to be addressed in a single, consolidated rule. There were no further questions and no testimony.

MOTION:

Senator Carlson moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0242-2301**. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0246-2301**

Rules Governing Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Permit (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated the department was pursuing the combination of this docket with the preceding Docket No. 39-0242-2301, leading to the repeal of Docket No. 39-0246-2301.

MOTION:

Senator Okuniewicz moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0246-2301**. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0260-2301**

Rules Governing License Plate Provisions (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd illustrated that this rule addressed details related to various license plate allowances, provisions of the special plate program, and plate numbering structures. Proposed changes to this rule aimed to enhance clarity and align it with current business processes. There were no further questions and no testimony.

MOTION:

Senator Toews moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0260-2301**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0276-2301**

Rules Governing Driver's License and Identification Card Renewal-By-Mail and Electronic Renewal and Replacement Processes - Temporary and Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd outlined the allowances in this rule for online driver's license and identification card renewals. To align with new statutory allowances for online driver's license renewals, the new edits in this rule was intended to meet the growing demand from customers for more remote transaction options. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** asked while online renewal is being done was there any other personal documentation that is required that may cause a security concern. **Mr. Floyd** reported that with a renewal a person had been already licensed and provided personal documents at the (DMV) Department of Motor Vehicles.

MOTION:

Senator Carlson moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0276-2301**. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0301-2301**

Rules Governing Definitions Regarding Special Permits (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this proposed rule reflected the consolidation of Chapters 2-7 addressing various requirements for commercial vehicle permits for oversize vehicles in Idaho. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** thanked **Mr. Floyd** for the effort put forth to include input from neighboring states.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0302-2301**

Rules Governing Movement of Disabled Vehicles (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule was repealed and added into a single rule.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0303-2301**

Rules Governing Special Permits - General Conditions and Requirements (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule was repealed and added into a single rule.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0304-2301**

Rules Governing Special Permits - Overweight Non-Reducible (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule was repealed and added into a single rule.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0305-2301**

Rules Governing Special Permits - Oversize Non-Reducible (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule was repealed and added into a single rule.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0306-2301**

Rules Governing Special Permits for Extra-Length/Excess Weight, up to 129,000 Pound Vehicle Combinations (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule was repealed and added into a single rule.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0307-2301**

Rules Governing Special Permits for Reducible Loads (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule was repealed and added into a single rule.

MOTION:

Senator Toews moved to approve **Docket Nos. 39-0301-2301, 39-0302-2301, 39-0303-2301, 39-0304-2301, 39-0305-2301, 39-0306-2301 and 39-0307-2301**. **Senator Hart** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0308-2301**

Rules Governing Self-Propelled Snowplows (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd Stated this rule established visibility requirements for department operated snowplows. **Senator Carlson** asked a question regarding the one word change of shall to will. **Mr. Floyd** stated as part of the clean up effort the department changed all instances of "shall" to "will."

MOTION:

Senator Okuniewicz moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0308-2301**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0340-2301**

Rules Governing Junkyards and Dumps (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule offered guidelines for the control of junk yards and dumps within 1000 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way for interstate primary freeways and primary highways in Idaho. There was a proposal to remove the administrative hearings section, as it was already covered in statute.

MOTION:

Senator Okuniewicz moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0340-2301**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0342-2301**

Rules Governing Highway Right-of-Way Encroachments on State Rights-of-Way (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd said this was a rule that established standards and guidelines for encroachments on state highway rights-of-way. The review proposed changes aimed at removing definitions and provisions that were already established in statute. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** asked if feedback was taken from industry groups on a regular basis when Zero Based Regulations were being reviewed. **Mr. Floyd** stated meetings were held and if a group was impacted they were informed.

MOTION:

Senator Toews moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0342-2301**. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0348-2301**

Rules Governing Routes Exempt from Local Plans and Ordinances (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. According to **Mr. Floyd** this rule elaborated on a provision within Idaho's Local Planning Act concerning the designation of transportation systems of statewide importance. This represented another cleanup effort and removed provisions already covered in statute.

MOTION:

Senator Carlson moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0348-2301**. **Senator Hart** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
39-0350-2301**

Rules Governing Safety Rest Areas (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. In this rule the purpose was to establish standards for the use of developed rest areas. Mr. Floyd stated **Docket No. 39-0350-2301** addressed aspects not explicitly covered in this statute.

MOTION:

Senator Carlson moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0350-2301**. **Senator Okuniewicz** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**

**DOCKET NO.
39-0401-2301**

Rules Governing Aeronautics and Aviation (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Floyd stated this rule established provisions related to aeronautics and aviation, with a focus on general cleanup and updated older provisions. The proposed changes included the removal of restrictive rules, aimed at reducing the burden on airport sponsors and provided flexibility in funding for airport maintenance. There were no further questions and no testimony.

MOTION:

Senator Carlson moved to approve **Docket No. 39-0401-2301**. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Vice Chair Den Hartog passed the gavel to Chairman Okuniewicz.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Ryneerson
Secretary

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1216</u>	DRIVER'S LICENSES - Amends existing law to provide that a driver's license shall be revoked or canceled under certain circumstances.	Senator Herndon
AGENCY UPDATE	Idaho Transportation Department 2024 Report	Scott Stokes, Director
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE:	Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of James Hoff of Idaho Falls, Idaho to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to serve a term commencing April 1, 2023 and expiring January 31, 2028.	Chairman Okuniewicz
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:	Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Mitchell Watkins of Twin Falls, Idaho to the Idaho Transportation Board to serve a term commencing January 31, 2024 and expiring January 31, 2030	Mitchell Watkins

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S 1216 **DRIVER'S LICENSES - Amends existing law to provide that a driver's license shall be revoked or canceled under certain circumstances.** **Senator Herndon** stated the legislation stipulated that individuals within 14 specified categories would not be issued driver's licenses. If a license was mistakenly issued to someone in these prohibited categories, the Department of Transportation had the authority to revoke or cancel the license. **Senator Herndon** stated the change would be to replace "may" with "shall" in the wording of **Section 49-303** and would align with the wording in **Section 49-322** of Idaho code. The change aimed to align the statute with current practices and the original intent by mandating the department to revoke all licenses issued to individuals in the prohibited categories.

MOTION: **Senator Hart** moved to send **S 1216** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

AGENCY UPDATE: **2024 Report from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD).** **Scott Stokes, Director, ITD**, introduced himself and shared the department's annual report of fiscal years 2023 and 2024. This presentation included the Governor's Recommendations for fiscal year 2025. The department's vision was to enhance quality of life through transportation (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION: **Senator Hart** asked if a project still took about 14 years to complete. **Mr. Stokes** stated project time lines had become shorter due to the help of the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) program which assisted in getting environmental documentation completed quickly.

Senator Hart asked **Mr. Stokes** for insight of the planning of the North South bypass of Coeur d' Alene. **Mr. Stokes** reported the study had expanded to include US 95, Highway 41, Highway 53, and Interstate 90. Huetter route was also included in the study which would take more time to research all options.

Vice Chair Den Hartog asked how ITD prioritized repairing damaged guardrails. **Mr. Stokes** stated that maintenance-type functions could not be kept up with due to the reduction in manpower. **Mr. Stokes** also stated the department had been setting aside extra funding to contract for maintenance -type functions for some counties.

Vice Chair Den Hartog asked **Mr. Stokes** to provide an explanation to what the county assessors would be doing in the future to provide support to the Department of Motor and Vehicle Services (DMV) in their area. **Mr. Stokes** reported all mail and internet transactions bypassed the county offices going directly to ITD. There was a team working on ways to help with county (DMV) services going forward.

**GUBERNATORIAL
APPOINTMENT
VOTE:**

Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of James Hoff of Idaho Falls, Idaho to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to serve a term commencing April 1, 2023 and expiring January 31, 2028. **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send Gubernatorial appointment of James Hoff to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to the floor with the recommendation that they be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL
APPOINTMENT:**

Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Mitchell Watkins of Twin Falls, Idaho to the Idaho Transportation Board to serve a term commencing January 31, 2024 and expiring January 31, 2030. **Mr. Watkins** introduced himself to the committee and provided details on his business background owning a distribution company. The company distributed beer, wine, and soft drinks to thousands of retail outlets and stores across the State of Idaho. **Mr. Watkins** also stated he operated over 150 trucks, vans, and vehicles on a daily basis and felt he could represent businesses and the general public in issues regarding Idaho roadway systems.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Okuniewicz asked **Mr. Watkins** why he chose this board to serve on. **Mr. Watkins** responded his primary knowledge was to move products from point A to point B on Idaho roads. **Senator Toews** asked **Mr. Watkins** how his goals and values aligned with his position as a Board Member of the Rebound Idaho organization. **Mr. Watkins** stated he was a part of the organization post-Covid in an effort to assist small businesses after the economy shut down. **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked if **Mr. Watkins** was still a member of that Board. **Mr. Watkins** stated he was no longer a Board member.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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Idaho Senate Transportation Committee Presentation

Scott Stokes, ITD Director

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ITD's 2024 Presentation

- Agency Delivery
- Reporting 2023 Results
- What's Ahead for ITD





Enhancing Quality of Life through Transportation



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Bob Hoff
Idaho Falls, Idaho



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Julie DeLorenzo
Boise, Idaho



D4
Jim Kempton
Albion, Idaho



D5
John Bulger
Pocatello, Idaho



ITD Board and our 6 Districts

1. Coeur d'Alene
2. Lewiston
3. Boise (Headquarters)
4. Shoshone
5. Pocatello
6. Rigby

What We Do



Highways Operations & Maintenance

- 12,276 lane miles
- 1,840 bridges



Construction

- \$730M/yr construction program



DMV

- 3.6M total transactions
- 100+ county offices



Aeronautics

- 61 community airports
- 32 backcountry airstrips
- 6.5 commercial service airports



Public Transportation

- 49 public transportation providers

1,592 Employees



Mobility for a Changing Idaho

- Increased Population
- Inflation
- Workforce challenges

Community Engagement





Innovative Culture



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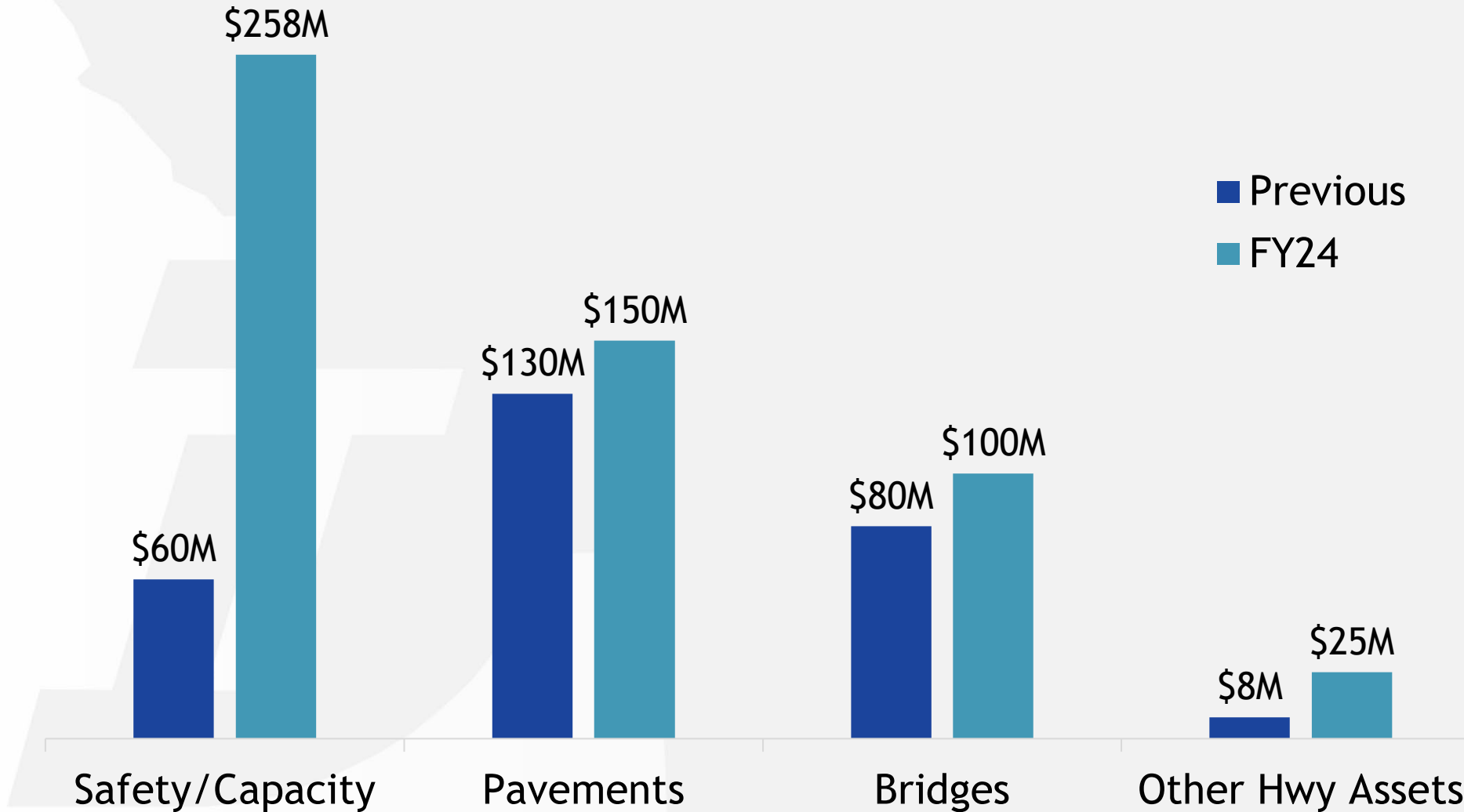
Invest with Purpose

- Intentional decision-making with investment of funds
- Responsibility to communities we serve
- Contingency planning

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How are we investing?



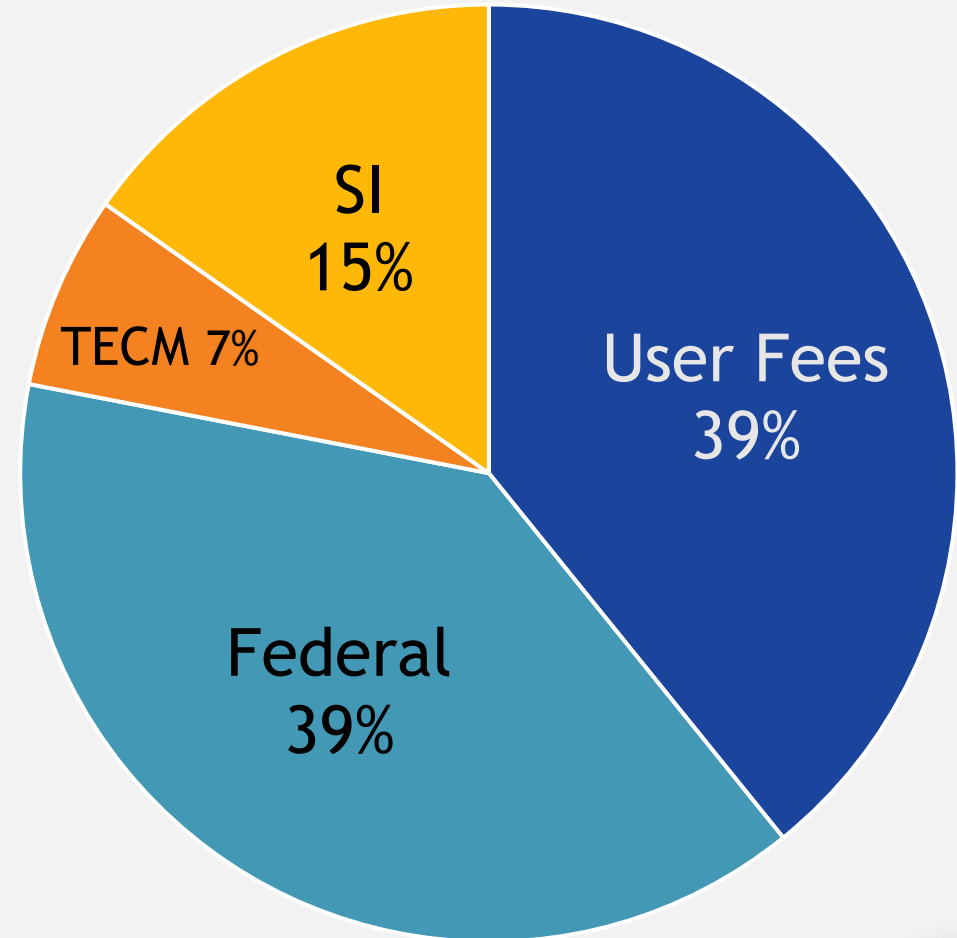
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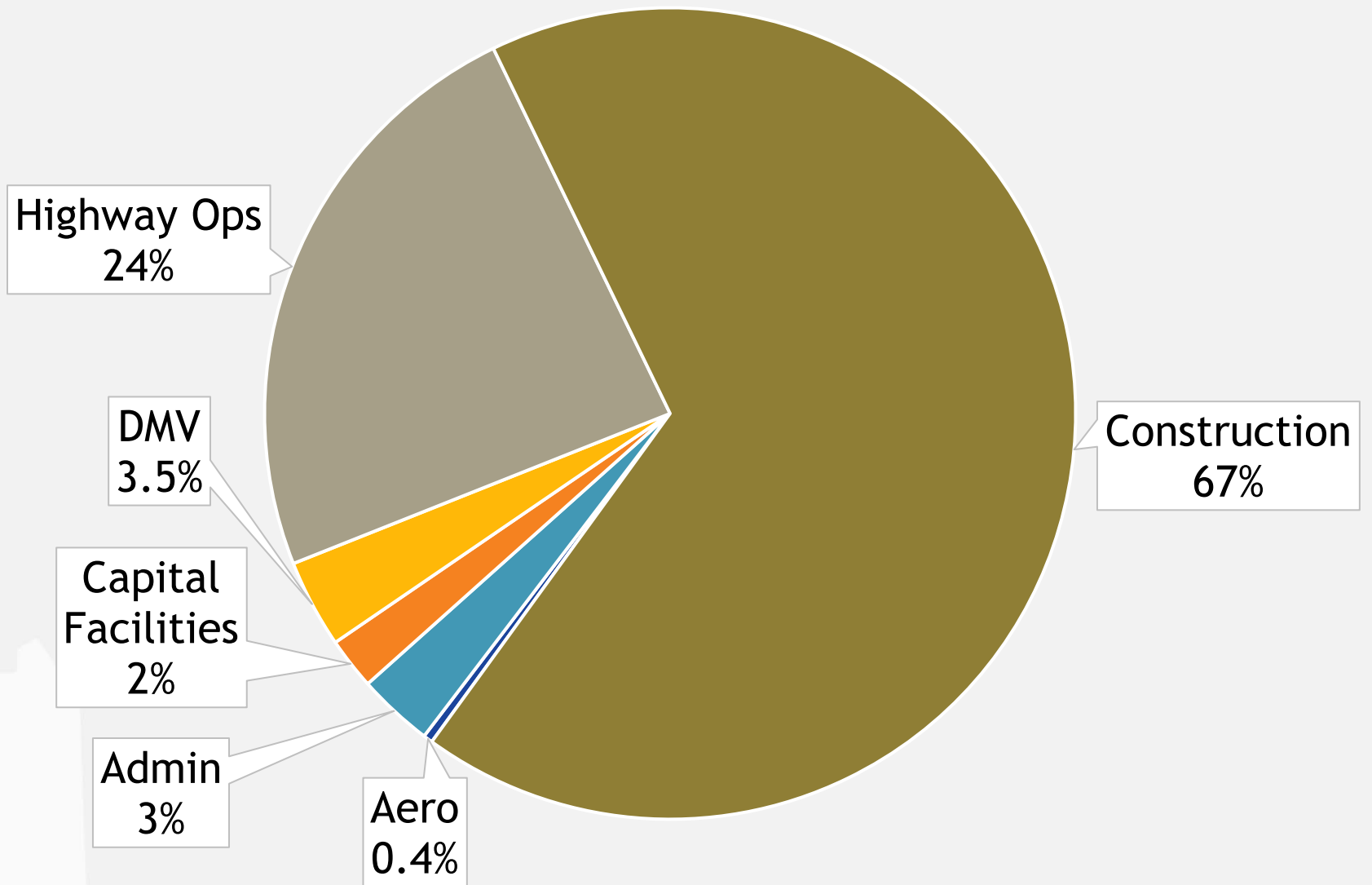
ITD Revenue Sources

Revenue Sources	Amount
Federal	\$464M
User Fees	\$468M
Strategic Initiatives*	\$182M
Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation	\$80M

*Does not include SI funds appropriated to local jurisdictions

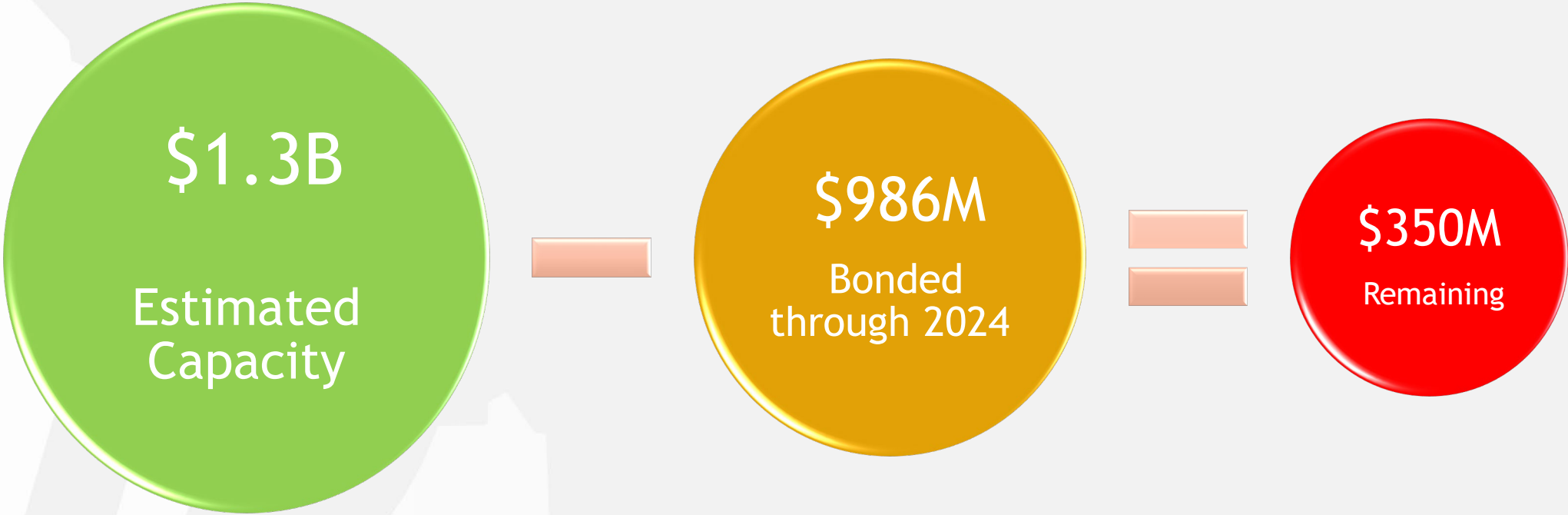


FY24 Program Funding



Nearing End of Bonding Capacity

2022-2025



Project Advancement



I-86/I-15 System Interchange Reconstruction, Pocatello



US-12 Clearwater Memorial Bridge, Lewiston



I-84, Jerome



SH-53, Ramsey

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Contractor Partnering

A strong bidding environment:

- ITD/AGC Leadership Outreach
- Great Capacity
- Two-Year Look Ahead





Leading Idaho Highlights



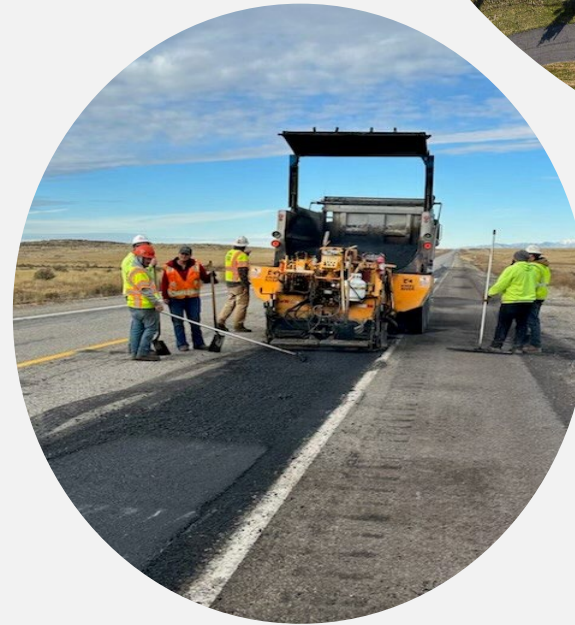
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Local Grant Program

*\$100 million
for local transportation projects*



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Safety Improvements



Critical safety projects in aviation and pedestrian safety



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Facilities Management Investments



*Powell Yard
1961 and today*

Customer Service Solutions

DMV Modernization

1.4 million transactions, Skip the Trip

Expanded online portal
saving **\$5 million/year**





Recruitment and Retention

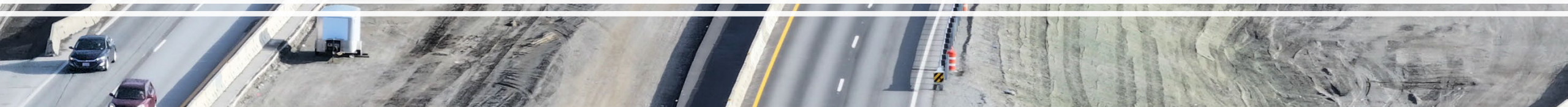


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What's Ahead





FY25 Governor Recommendation: IDAHO WORKS



- Local Bridge Maintenance: \$200M
- Road and Bridge Maintenance: \$206M
 - ITD - \$123.6M and Locals - \$82.4M
- Safety and Capacity Programs: \$96.8M
 - ITD - \$58.1M and Locals - \$38.7M
- TECM: Increase Sales Tax Transfer by \$50M
 - Increased bonding up to \$800M

FY25 Governor's Recommendation

FY25 Budget Request	Funding
FY25 Program Maintenance	\$830,076,100
FY25 Line Items	\$192,691,700
FY25 Appropriation	\$1,022,767,800
FY25 IDAHO WORKS	\$502,800,000
FY25 Total Budget	\$1,525,567,800



ITD Headquarters, 1960-2022



ITD Headquarters Collection, Idaho State Archives

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District 4 Administration

Current Facility Challenges:

- Recruitment barriers
- Outdated infrastructure at end of life
- Commuter and housing difficulties

Proposed Facility Enhancements:

- 108 acres to co-locate with Div. of Military
- Centralized staff efficiencies



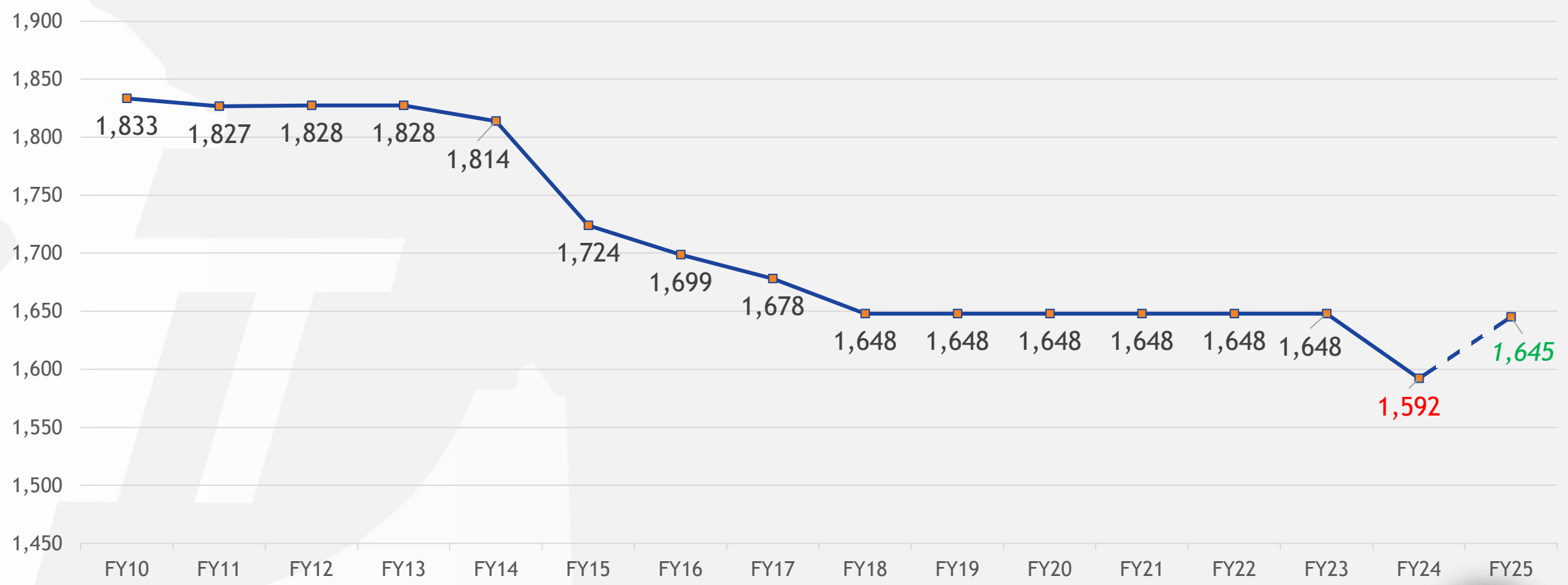
Workforce Planning



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ITD's Authorized Full-Time Positions

ITD down 185 positions from FY10 to FY18




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Statewide Construction



Enhancing Quality of Life Through Transportation



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AMENDED AGENDA #1
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 31093C1</u>	RELATING TO ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS OR PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY.	Senator Herndon
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE:	Mitchell Watkins to the Idaho Transportation Board.	Senator Okuniewicz
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of January 11, 2024.	Senator Rabe

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Okuniewicz	Sen Toews
Vice Chairman Den Hartog	Sen Trakel
Sen Winder	Sen Rabe
Sen Hart	Sen Just
Sen Carlson	

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, Rabe, and Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:40 p.m.

RS 31093C1 **Senator Herndon** presented **RS 31093C1**. He explained that this was a revision of **S 1217** which addressed the process for a county or highway district to vacate a public right-of-way or public road that accessed public lands or public waters. **S 1217** required commissioners to accept the presentation of evidence that the highway or public right-of-way being considered for vacation provided access to public lands or waters. **RS 31093C1** added the additional requirement that, if the existence of public access had not been previously adjudicated, the commissioners must follow the procedures set forth in Idaho Code § 40-203A regarding validation of county or highway district system highway or public right-of-way.

An additional change from **S 1217** required that, after a determination of public access to public lands or natural or high water mark of public waters by one of several legal processes, that a substantially similar replacement be furnished. **Senator Foreman** explained that the addition of the language regarding natural or artificial high water marks was an important distinction made in several court opinions. This provision made it clear that public access does need to be proven to get to the ordinary high water mark. This further required that the replacement provide for the same scope of use as the vacated right-of-way rather than specify the length or width of the replacement as **S 1217** provided. **RS 31093C1** also prohibited the use of eminent domain or condemnation to provide a replacement. In addition, these provisions did not apply to any action for abandonment or vacation initiated prior to July 1, 2024. Finally, these provisions were not to be interpreted as creating public access where none existed.

MOTION: **Senator Toews** moved to send **RS 31093C1** to print. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE: **Mitchell Watkins to the Transportation Board.**

DISCUSSION: **Senator Trakel** expressed concern that this was the third appointee with some connection to Governor Little who had been appointed to a State board or committee and that Mr. Watkins was the chairperson of Friends of Brad Little PAC.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to send the gubernatorial appointment of Mitchell Watkins to the Idaho Transportation Board to the floor with a recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Carlson** stated that she had concerns about this appointee and would be voting nay.

VOICE VOTE: The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senators Carlson and Trakel** were recorded as voting nay.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes of January 11, 2024. **Senator Rabe** moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

Meg Lawless
Assisting Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, February 06, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1258</u>	PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY - Amends existing law to establish requirements regarding the vacation of public rights-of-way that furnish access to state or federal public lands or waters.	Senator Herndon
<u>RS 31140C1</u>	RELATING TO TEMPORARY VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMITS - For owners attempting to sell their vehicle and to make technical corrections.	Senator Trakel

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 06, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Toews, Trakel, Rabe

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Carlson, Just

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 P.M.

S 1258 **Related to Public Rights-of-way. Senator Herndon** highlighted **S 1258** which addressed public rights of way accessing public lands and waters and focused on the process of the abandoning of these access points by county commissions and highway districts. **Senator Herndon** stated the legislation proposed that before abandoning access, a replacement must be provided to ensure continued public access. Additionally, he said the bill prohibited the use of eminent domain during replacement, safeguarding private property rights and that the intent was to preserve access to public lands and waters, preventing potential loss of use due to abandonment.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Winder** stated while eminent domain is a tool that allowed the government to acquire private property for public use, it was often considered a drastic measure that was contentious and could result in legal battles over fair compensation. **Senator Winder** asked why would this tool be taken away. **Senator Herndon** responded that the worry was that if the legislation mandated replacement access, local government might opt for the easier route of using eminent domain to acquire the necessary property, potentially infringing on private property rights.

TESTIMONY: Jennifer Arn represented herself and testified in favor of **S 1258**. **Ms. Arn** shared a personal experience which involved the vacation of a road that negatively affected public access to a public Lake. **Ms. Arn** suggested that the legislation would provide clearer parameters for developers and commissioners, preventing similar disputes in the future and, that **S 1258** would make it more of a challenge to vacate rights-of-ways and would ensure better protection for public access to lands and waters in Idaho.

DISCUSSION: In conclusion, **Senator Herndon** stated the legislation would require the access be substantially similar and in scope of use, but it intentionally did not specify the exact location, allowing flexibility for counties and highway districts while aiming to prevent situations where individuals had to drive long distances to access public areas.

Senator Rabe asked if there were no other option, but to exercise eminent domain where the county would need to vacate a public right-of-way, what would happen? **Senator Herndon** responded that the legislation does not apply to all government rights of way, but specifically targeted those that accessed public lands and waters. **Senator Rabe** expressed concern about the potential absence of eminent domain as a backup for counties when they were creating rights of way to public lands and waters. **Senator Herndon** stated Idaho was growing and there were limited access points to public resources now. Counties would need to know the totality of the law in making decisions. **Senator Rabe** concluded she would like to hear more from counties and the workability from their end before supporting **S 1258**. **Senator Winder** voiced in support of **S 1258**.

MOTION: **Senator Toews** moved to send **S 1258** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 31140C1 **Related to Temporary Vehicle Registration Permits.** **Senator Trakel** explained the objective was to enable a 30-day temporary registration for vehicle sales. This approach aimed to prevent individuals from going through the process of registering vehicles and obtaining plates, only to discard them at a later date.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to send **RS 31140C1** to print. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #3
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Thursday, February 08, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 31296</u>	RELATING TO DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATES.	Senator Okuniewicz
<u>RS 31199</u>	RELATING TO THE IDAHO BROADBAND DIG ONCE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACT.	Senator Herndon
<u>RS 31175</u>	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - to provide for the State Board of Education don't tread on me license plates. To establish a firearms safety grant fund and program for firearms safety education.	Senator Nichols
<u>H 412</u>	TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to provide for the use of technology and procedures to allow vehicles that meet established criteria to lawfully bypass a port of entry.	Brian Goeke, ITD Colby Cameron, ITD
<u>H 413</u>	TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to provide that license plates do not automatically expire after ten years and may continue to be used while still legible.	Senator Den Hartog
<u>H 414</u>	MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSES - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding commercial driver's license permit fees, eligibility, and renewal.	Senator Toews
<u>RS 31292</u>	RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY.	Senator Toews
<u>RS 31176</u>	RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAMS.	Senator Just

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Sen Rabe
Sen Just

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 08, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, Rabe, Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Okuniewicz explained that due to a long agenda and limited time, all RSs on agenda would be introduced to the committee first followed by **H 413** due to presenter schedules.

RS 31296, RS 31199, RS 31175, RS 31292, RS 31176 **RS 31296 RELATING TO DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATES, RS 31199 RELATING TO THE IDAHO BROADBAND DIG ONCE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACT, RS 31175 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - to provide for the State Board of Education don't tread on me license plates. To establish a firearms safety grant fund and program for firearms safety education, RS 31292 RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, RS 31176 RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAMS.**

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to introduce **RS 31296, RS 31199, RS 31175, RS 31292, RS 31176**. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 413 **TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to provide that license plates do not automatically expire after ten years and may continue to be used while still legible. Senator Den Hartog** introduced **H 413** to the committee for consideration. **Senator Den Hartog** stated the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) had brought forth this legislation as a cost saving measure to the people of Idaho to remove the ten year automatic replacement of license plates. **Senator Den Hartog** also stated the department regularly received calls from people who had received new license plates in the mail, even though their existing plates were still readable, while some individuals mistakenly discarded the new plates, unaware they were automatically sent every ten years. **Senator Den Hartog** also stated **H 413** did not change existing license plate enforcement methods, but when a license plate became unreadable, law enforcement agencies like the sheriffs and Idaho State Police could address the issue with the driver or vehicle owner.

TESTIMONY:

John Taylor, Idaho Heritage Trust, spoke in opposition to **H 413**. **Mr. Taylor** introduced himself to the committee and gave an overview of what the relationship of the Idaho Heritage Trust Fund was with the State. **Mr. Taylor** stated the Idaho Heritage Trust owned the copyright design and the trademark to the Idaho license plate and, the Trust received royalties for each set of license plates sold. **Mr. Taylor** also said the funds were mandated by statute to be used for restoration of historic buildings and other projects in Idaho and with the removal of the required replacement license plates the funds in the Trust account would decrease.

Chairman Okuniewicz asked was there an overall sum for each initial plate purchased. **Mr. Taylor** stated it was fifty cents per plate over ten years at issuance. **Chairman Okuniewicz** and **Senator Rabe** asked **Mr. Taylor** specific questions regarding revenues, budgets, and revenue sources for the organization. **Mr. Taylor** stated the fund could lose forty percent and \$406,000 came to the trust in revenue from the license plate program.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39 (h), **Senator Just** disclosed he suggested the idea to form the Idaho Heritage Trust Centennial Commission and had a vested interest in the organization.

TESTIMONY:

Andy Creech, Idaho Sheriffs Association, spoke in opposition to **H 413**. **Mr. Creech** stated the main concern revolved around the durability of license plates, which are observed to lose reflectiveness and sometimes curl up within ten years. **Mr. Creech** expressed the worry that if there was not a mandatory renewal requirement after a decade, people may neglect to replace their plates when there was nothing to prompt the replacement. **Mr. Creech** also stated reflective plates played a crucial role in drawing attention to parked vehicles in the dark, enhancing safety.

DISCUSSION:

Brian Goeke, policy manager, Idaho Transportation Department, (Department) introduced himself to the committee and provided background information on the work the Department did to prepare this legislation. **Senator Just** asked if the license plate design was long term. **Mr. Goeke** stated it was in one statute to be red, white, and blue and the other statute reaffirmed the Heritage Trust trademark.

Senator Rabe asked for clarification of the concern of the loss of reflectivity on the plates for safety. **Mr. Goeke** stated the manufacturer warranty was only good for five years, but when maintained could last for a longer period of time. **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked when was it required to replace any regular license plate. **Mr. Goeke** reported the replacement would happen every ten years on your renewal notice. This would happen to all plates not just specialty plates, and this legislation would eliminate the ten year renewal of all plates.

Senator Just stated he was opposed to **H 413** due to the safety concerns and wanting to keep the Heritage Trust fully funded. **Senator Hart** made the comment the system worked well as it is and people have chosen to voluntarily participate in the purchase of the specialty plates that raise money for worthy organizations. **Senator Winder** asked if there could be an amendment done to exclude the specialty plates. **Senator Den Hartog** stated due to the royalty payment to the Idaho Heritage Trust and its trademark design to all plates, the amendment could not be made.

Senator Toews expressed concern for individuals who would save money if their plate was not worn out, but could also understand potential unintended consequences for other agencies and organizations. **Senator Toews** stated he was good with the motion to hold in committee to make a decision at a later date.

MOTION: **Senator Hart** moved to hold **H 413**. **Senator Just** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 412 **TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to provide for the use of technology and procedures to allow vehicles that meet established criteria to lawfully bypass a port of entry. Brian Geoke, policy manager, ITD Mr. Geoke** stated **H 412** allowed trucks, if meeting the established criteria, to continue driving on the road and bypass fixed ports of entry to continue the flow of traffic. **Mr. Geoke** stated that in this proposal the language was left vague to accommodate the rapid advancements in technology and the department aimed to collaborate with the industry, and adapt to technological changes. **Mr. Geoke** also said the department initiated a pilot program to screen trucks for weight, registration, and tire anomalies at highway speeds, the system identified issues like deflated, overinflated, or mismatched tires, and during this pre-screening process it was believed to save the industry at least \$11 million annually.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Winder** commented this was a great program to keep trucking and commercial traffic moving through the state and addressed safety concerns simultaneously. **Senator Winder** also stated it would keep people safe during travel and reduce transportation costs for companies delivering products.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to send **H 412** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 414 **MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSES - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding commercial driver's license permit fees, eligibility, and renewal. Senator Toews** presented **H 414** to the committee and stated this legislation was a rewrite to promote readability and transparency with no change to fees or distributions. **Senator Toews** stated the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) had been focused to provide incentives for citizens to skip the trip and go online and the incentive would provide a \$5 discount to renew driver's license online. **Senator Toews** said this would allow all CDL drivers to have the option to renew online for eight years. Additionally, **Senator Toews** said the drug and alcohol clearinghouse was a federal requirement which was implemented for all states to comply by November 2024 and this clearinghouse would be where employers would report drug test results of CDL licensed employees. **Senator Toews** also said by moving renewals to online Sheriff offices there would be a decrease in foot traffic and revenues, but **H 414** would yield an estimated \$900,000 savings to Idaho citizens.

Senator Winder made the comment that although there were fees in this legislation there was no change in the existing fees. **Senator Toews** responded that was correct.

TESTIMONY: **Andy Creech**, Idaho Sheriffs Association spoke in opposition to **H 414**. **Mr. Creech** stated offices will still have the same overhead regardless if there is less foot traffic for driver's license renewals. **Mr. Creech** stated the main concern would be with the loss of revenue that will not cover the departments overhead costs.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked **Mr. Creech** how much his department would stand to lose. **Mr. Creech** responded he did not have time to review for an exact dollar amount, but the money that was already coming in was not enough to fully fund issuing driver's licenses.

Senator Winder stated he would like to see other innovative ways to replace the loss of revenue to sheriffs departments. **Senator Winder** stated he would support the bill for now. **Senator Trakel** commented police departments all over Idaho were seeing a loss of revenue and most are almost fully funded by city property tax. **Senator Trakel** expressed his concern that the loss of revenue would shift to the property owners. **Senator Den Hartog** stated while initiatives have benefited citizens in terms of cost and time savings it had impacted local government agencies and the committee acknowledged more alternatives need to be addressed to support these departments and maintain services expected by citizens.

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **H 414** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senator Trakel** asked to be recorded as voting nay.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 2:42 P.M.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

AGENDA
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1317</u>	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - don't tread on me license plates.	Senator Nichols
<u>S 1282</u>	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - Amends existing law to establish provisions regarding temporary motor vehicle registration permits.	Senator Trakel
<u>S 1319</u>	RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAMS.	Senator Just
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of January 18th, 2024.	Senator Toews
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of January 30th, 2024.	Senator Trakel
PRESENTATION:	Page Farewell - Caitlyn Ross of Meridian, Idaho.	Senator Okuniewicz

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, Rabe, Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

S 1317 **RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - don't tread on me license plates.** **Senator Nichols** introduced the proposal of the Gadsen "Don't Tread on Me" specialty license plate. **Senator Nichols** stated the purchase of this plate by Idahoans would establish a firearm safety grant fund for firearm education and overseen by the State treasury and the education administered by the State Board of Education. Senator Nichols stated there were twelve states that had adopted the plate. **Senator Nichols** also provided a brief history of the symbolism of the Gadsen flag.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked what the estimated revenue would be. **Senator Nichols** responded within the first year roughly \$25,000 and other states had seen an increase each year.

Senator Rabe asked if other states in connection to this license plate had also required state boards of education to administer firearm safety training programs. **Senator Nichols** stated each state was different, but for the State of Idaho the firearms program was already put into law and this would be a way to fund the program.

Senator Winder asked for clarification of how the safety program would be administered by the board of education versus the grant. **Senator Nichols** responded the firearm safety education law stipulated that school districts are encouraged to establish elective courses. The State treasury would only appropriate, allocate, donate, and distribute the grant funds and the State Board of Education shall administer a program for firearm safety.

Senator Den Hartog asked if this design of the "Don't Tread on Me" was copyrighted. **Senator Nichols** stated there was not a copyright due to it being older and different versions having been used.

Senator Just commented he would like to see the plate to have more of an Idaho design, but is in favor of the plate.

Senator Trakel commented he would be against any design changes due to the historic value it represented.

Senator Winder commented this was a mandatory program for the board of education to administer where a program would need to be in place and a grant application process followed to receive funds.

- TESTIMONY:** Aoibheann Cline, State Director, National Rifle Association (NRA) spoke in favor of **S 1317**. **Ms. Cline** highlighted the significance and history of the Gadsen flag and an overview of the NRA non-profit firearm safety programs the organization provided to people of all ages in Idaho. **Ms. Cline** asked for these NRA programs to be included if adopted.
- TESTIMONY:** Greg Pruett, President, Idaho 2nd Amendment Alliance spoke in favor of **S 1317**. **Mr. Pruett** stated he believed this was a great tool to expand revenue and education for firearm safety programs for K-12 within the State.
- Senator Rabe** stated she would like to hear more from the State Board of Education of how the grant program would work and the administration of the grant. **Senator Rabe** stated she would be voting no. **Senator Den Hartog** stated she believed in the content of **S 1317** and believed in the importance. **Senator Den Hartog** believed the changes being made would change the intent of the code in **S 1349** from the 2020 legislation. **Senator Den Hartog** stated she was not in support.
- MOTION:** **Senator Trakel** moved to send **S 1317** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** and **Senator Rabe** asked to be recorded as voting nay.
- S 1282** **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - Amends existing law to establish provisions regarding temporary motor vehicle registration permits.** **Senator Trakel** stated this legislation would allow an individual to purchase two thirty day temporary registration permits in the event an owner was selling their vehicle. **Senator Trakel** also stated this would be a way to register a vehicle for a test drive and have the vehicle legally on the road without having to register the vehicle for a full year and having to throw away a new set of license plates.
- DISCUSSION:** **Senator Toews** asked if there was a ninety day option available. **Senator Trakel** stated he was not aware of a ninety day option and this legislation should not affect any ninety day option giving the owner two thirty day options.
- TESTIMONY:** Hollie Ann Strang, Gem County Assessor, Idaho Assessors spoke in favor of **S 1282**. **Ms. Strang** started by clarifying the 90 day temporary registration was used when transferring plates from a current vehicle to a new one. **Ms. Strang** stated the issue was that individuals would still get the plates in the mail up to six weeks later and a vehicle had been sold creating waste of the unneeded plates. **Ms. Strang** gave an overview of how the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would issue temporary registrations in the past. **Ms. Strang** stated when the State converted to the GEMS system it helped in tracking all registrations and provided less waste, saved time, saved money, and fewer trips to the (DMV) for customers.
- TESTIMONY:** Dr. Trent Saxton, representing himself, spoke in favor of **S 1282**. **Dr. Saxton** addressed the committee with his personal experience of moving to Idaho, and purchasing a new truck, but being told he also had to purchase new plates for the old truck. **Dr. Saxton** stated this change would save money and speed up services.
- MOTION:** **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **S 1282** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- S 1319** **RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAMS.** **Senator Just** stated this legislation would eliminate the weight restrictions on vehicles that would like to display personalized plates for owners.
- DISCUSSION:** **Senator Winder** asked how this legislation would impact the owner with a commercial vehicle. **Senator Just** responded the owner would still hold a commercial plate regardless. **Senator Winder** asked a follow up question if law enforcement would be able to distinguish between personalized and commercial.

TESTIMONY: Hollie Ann Strang, Gem County Assessor, spoke to the question of law enforcement being able to know the difference between a personal plate and a commercial plate. **Ms. Strang** stated that as law enforcement runs the plate in their system, the registration will tell if the plate is noncommercial or a commercial registration.

MOTION: **Senator Trakel** moved to send **S 1319** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Toews** moved to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2024. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Trakel** moved to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2024. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **Page Farewell - Caitlyn Ross.** **Senator Okuniewicz** thanked **Ms. Ross** for her time in the Senate and for her willingness to go above and beyond. **Ms. Ross** shared stories of her time spent in the Senate and expressed how this was a life changing experience.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary



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AMENDED AGENDA #5
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
INTRODUCTION:	New Page Cameron Spencer.	Senator Okuniewicz
<u>S 1365</u>	DRIVER'S LICENSES - Adds to existing law to establish a next of kin database and a procedure for next of kin to be notified in the event of certain emergency situations.	Senator Harris Torey Danner , Bannock County Coroner
<u>S 1321</u>	DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATES - Amends existing law to provide that a disabled veteran may obtain disabled veteran license plates for up to two vehicles.	Senator Okuniewicz
<u>S 1320</u>	DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY - Amends existing law to provide that certain maintenance of a public right-of-way shall not constitute upkeep or maintenance as a highway.	Senator Toews

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Chairman Okuniewicz	Sen Toews
Vice Chairman Den Hartog	Sen Trakel
Sen Winder	Sen Rabe
Sen Hart	Sen Just
Sen Carlson	

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, Rabe

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Just

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Okuniewicz stated **RS 31310** was moved to another committee and had the new page introduce himself.

INTRODUCTION: **New Page Cameron Spencer. Mr. Spencer** introduced himself to the committee and stated he was home schooled with the rest of his five siblings. He also stated Senator Winder sponsored him and helped him with the application process. **Senator Den Hartog** asked where he was in the line up of his siblings and what his future plans were. **Mr. Spencer** said he was number two and his older sister was a page last year in this same committee and had four younger brothers. **Senator Carlson** welcomed Mr. Spencer to the committee and gave him her full support. **Senator Winder** followed up on a question Senator Den Hartog had asked wanting to know Mr. Spencer's future plans. **Mr. Spencer** stated he wanted to possibly work before going to college and was thinking about something computer related or Christian ministry.

S 1365 DRIVER'S LICENSES - Adds to existing law to establish a next of kin database and a procedure for next of kin to be notified in the event of certain emergency situations. Senator Harris stated due to concerns from county coroners offices across the State, this bill proposed a solution that would involve establishing a next of kin database within the Department of Motor Vehicles in the case of a person's death. **Senator Harris** stated this database would help coroners contact next of kin in a quicker manner.

TESTIMONY: **Torey Danner**, Bannock County Coroner and Vice President, Idaho State Coroner Association. **Mr. Danner** pointed out during death investigations there was a limited number of tools to notify the next of kin in the event of a death. **Mr. Danner** stated there was no database that provided a current address or phone number of contact which prolonged the process of finding a next of kin. **Mr. Danner** stated a way to solve the issue was to utilize the driver's license and ID card system which already had a built-in maintenance mechanism prompting at the time of renewal to also review and update next of kin information.

Chairman Okuniewicz asked if there would be an opt-out option to refuse providing the information. **Mr. Danner** responded that there would be the option to opt out.

TESTIMONY: **Kelli Brassfield**, Idaho Association of Counties, spoke in favor of **S 1365**. **Ms. Brassfield** stated the organization felt it necessary to support coroners with this bill to expedite services to families. **Ms. Brassfield** also stated the Sheriffs Association had been contacted and they were also in support of **S 1365**.

TESTIMONY: **Michael Johnson**, Chief Deputy Coroner, Boise County, spoke in favor of **S 1365**. **Mr. Johnson** provided the committee with personal experiences of his work with law enforcement and coroners. **Mr. Johnson** stated as changes have been happening, it had been a challenge to notify families in the case of a death. **Mr. Johnson** stated he has seen a lack of information in people's wallets, but acknowledged the public's hesitancy in giving more personal information to authorities, however, there was a benefit to all in these cases.

Senator Hart commented that with the resources of the internet it was still difficult to find a next of kin. **Mr. Johnson** stated even with social media and smart phones, depending on the circumstance, it could still be difficult to find someone.

TESTIMONY: **Daniel Murphy**, representing himself, spoke in favor of **S 1365** stating appreciation for what coroners did for the public and felt this would be a good way for law enforcement and coroners to find next of kin.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Harris** closed with his remarks and stated after hearing testimony today there were some areas where clean up of language would be appropriate and asked for the committee to send **S 1365** to the Fourteenth Order for possible amendments. **Senator Trakel** pointed out in section six the definition of next of kin applied to blood relatives and asked if in the case you were adopted you would not be excluded. **Senator Harris** stated no, this should not exclude those who were adopted.

MOTION: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to send **S 1365** to the 14th Order of Business for possible amendment. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1321 **DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATES - Amends existing law to provide that a disabled veteran may obtain disabled veteran license plates for up to two vehicles.** **Senator Okuniewicz** stated under the current Idaho code, disabled veterans were entitled to a single free license plate, however, if they owned two cars, there was no provision in place for obtaining a second free plate. **Senator Okuniewicz** stated after consulting with legislative attorneys, an efficient solution would be to allow a second set of plates for free without creating a new system for purchasing a second plate with little fiscal impact.

Senator Rabe asked if other specialty license plates were also eligible for a second vehicle. **Senator Okuniewicz** responded no, this would only apply to disabled veterans.

TESTIMONY: **Daniel Murphy**, representing himself, spoke in favor of **S 1321**. **Mr. Murphy** stated he was in full support of the bill, but had a concern of misuse by a family member or friend driving the vehicle and parking in a handicapped location. **Mr. Murphy** stated in these cases there was a \$100 fine and suggested a provision be made for a more substantial penalty. **Senator Okuniewicz** responded and stated another section of Idaho code addressed those penalties and that code would also apply to this legislation.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to send **S 1321** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Hart** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senator Trakel** disclosed that he was a disabled veteran, Pursuant to Senate Rule 39 (H).

S 1320

DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY - Amends existing law to provide that certain maintenance of a public right-of-way shall not constitute upkeep or maintenance as a highway. Senator Toews stated this legislation aimed to provide highway districts more flexibility to assist first responders and promote safety. **Senator Toews** pointed out the current law discouraged highway districts from clearing snow or doing repairs on roads not in their systems as it may create a legal obligation for continued maintenance. **Senator Toews** expressed this legislation would seek to align the letter of the law by allowing common-sense exceptions for repairs and maintenance to assist first responders and be able to work with surrounding communities to solve issues without the pressure of legal obligation.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Okuniewicz asked what did the legislation aim to avoid in the event of an emergency? Action was taken, for example, by plowing a road there could be an argument that the entity would be obligated to maintain it forever. **Senator Toews** responded this allowed highway districts to help maintain private rights-of ways without the legal obligation.

TESTIMONY:

Nick Veldhouse, Idaho Association of Highway Districts, spoke in favor of **S 1320**. **Mr. Veldhouse** stated highway districts built and maintained over 12,000 centerline miles of roads and bridges throughout Idaho and this legislation would help protect highway districts from having to add roads into their inventory to maintain due to an emergency event creating a potential prescriptive right of way.

MOTION:

Senator Hart moved to send **S 1320** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, Chairman Okuniewicz adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

AGENDA
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 531</u>	DRIVER'S EDUCATION - Amends existing law to allow parents to provide on-road driver's training for their children and to require the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance to make certain driver education curriculum available to all Idaho students.	Rep. Mendive Senator Bjerke
<u>H 532</u>	IDENTIFICATION CARDS - Amends existing law to remove a requirement that an individual must not have possessed a driver's license for the last six months to be eligible to receive a certain identification card.	Rep. Mitchell Senator Winder
<u>H 533</u>	MOTOR VEHICLES - Amends existing law to provide that commercial motor vehicles may idle and use refrigeration in certain circumstances.	Rep. Handy Senator Carlson Allen Hodges, Idaho Trucking Association
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of January 23rd, 2024.	Senator Just
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of February 6th, 2024.	Senator Rabe

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Senators Winder, Hart, Forsmann (Carlson), Toews, Trakel, Rabe, Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Vice Chairman Den Hartog

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

H 531 DRIVER'S EDUCATION - Amends existing law to allow parents to provide on-road driver's training for their children and to require the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance to make certain driver education curriculum available to all Idaho students. Senator Bjerke stated this legislation would allow qualified parents and legal guardians to serve as private educators for class D driver's training instruction permits. **Senator Bjerke** also stated **H 531** aimed to benefit citizens in rural areas who faced long travel distances to access required public or private driver's education instructors, ensuring equal opportunities for children of all income levels by reducing expensive fees, and additionally, the bill now included stipulations, such as living in a rural school district or a district without driver's education courses.

Senator Toews commented he was in favor of this program when it was offered universally to everyone and asked if it was now being narrowed down to rural areas, what percentage of rural school districts would this program apply to. **Senator Bjerke** responded by addressing the rural guidelines which were fewer than 20 enrolled students per square mile within the district's boundaries and the county population of less than 25,000 residents.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to send **H 531** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 532 IDENTIFICATION CARDS - Amends existing law to remove a requirement that an individual must not have possessed a driver's license for the last six months to be eligible to receive a certain identification card. Senator Winder stated this legislation would address the issuance of identification cards for individuals without a driver's license, and emphasized that they must be citizens or a permanent resident. **Senator Winder** stated this would reduce the waiting period to less than six months to provide a timely solution for individuals lacking traditional forms of identification, such as a driver's license, to ensure eligibility for voting.

Senator Rabe asked if an individual would be restricted from getting an ID card based on their past possession of a driver's license and what would be a scenario in which someone only needed an ID card. **Senator Winder** responded a scenario could be a student without a driver's license or senior citizen who may no longer drive due to personal, family, or medical reasons.

Senator Just asked if there was a difference between the voter ID card and the ID card for people who do not drive who are visually impaired. **Senator Winder** stated he was not familiar with the visually impaired ID card, but stated the objective was to establish reasonable standards to meet identification requirements for personal identification, especially during voting.

TESTIMONY:

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, spoke in favor of **H 532**. **Secretary McGrane** gave additional background of the details of this legislation stating H 340 now required a form of identification when registering to vote. **Secretary McGrane** explained there was a concern with the six month window requirement, examples highlighted included a student losing their driver's license within six months of turning 18 and individuals moving from another state. The emphasis was on ensuring everyone has access to voter registration.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Hart asked the question if there was a charge for the ID for voting purposes there could be a poll tax. **Secretary McGrane** responded and clarified that requiring payment for obtaining an ID for voter registration could be considered a poll tax and the objective was to ensure that every Idahoan had the opportunity to register to vote.

MOTION:

Senator Just moved to send **H 532** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Hart** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 533

MOTOR VEHICLES - Amends existing law to provide that commercial motor vehicles may idle and use refrigeration in certain circumstances. **Representative Handy** stated this bill addressed transportation and parking regulations for trucks, specifically focusing on noise and pollution. **Representative Handy** also stated the bill aimed to establish guidelines for minimizing truck noise during parking, allowing idling only when the driver is sleeping or when refrigeration units are necessary for preserving perishables or pharmaceuticals making the overall goal to clarify rules for truck parking, idling, and to promote quieter practices.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Okuniewicz asked if trucks were currently allowed to park and where this legislation would enable them to park in the future. **Representative Handy** stated there was another section of code that addressed the preferred parking areas, but the preferred locations were designated truck stops and the bill aimed to discourage individual truck drivers with refrigeration units from parking in residential neighborhoods and leaving the units running all night.

Chairman Okuniewicz followed up to ask if a truck could park in a neighborhood currently. **Representative Handy** stated driver's would park in a neighborhood overnight if it was not marked. **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked would this legislation change that. **Representative Handy** stated yes, the industry would know driver's would not be able to keep their truck idling in those areas.

Senator Just asked if there was any part of code or legislation that addressed if a municipality could regulate where idling trucks could park particularly in an urban area next to a truck stop. **Representative Handy** stated yes, the municipality could regulate the urban area outside of a truck stop, but could not regulate an idling truck in the truck stop due to the safety and financial concerns of the perishable goods.

TESTIMONY: **Allen Hodges**, President and CEO, Idaho Trucking Association spoke in favor of **H 533**. **Mr. Hodges** stated this legislation focused to allow truck drivers to idle their vehicles when legally parked, especially with refrigerated trailers carrying time-sensitive items like pharmaceuticals or food. **Mr. Hodges** stated the goal was to prevent rejection of such shipments due to trailer shutdowns, particularly in extreme weather conditions. **Mr. Hodges** also stated the intent of this legislation was not to restrict cities from regulating truck parking, but to clarify and address safety concerns of the drivers, perishable goods, and communities.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked for clarification of what problems this legislation would solve. **Mr. Hodges** responded stating the objective would be to create harmony in regulations due to the noise ordinances and restrictions in different jurisdictions. **Mr. Hodges** also stated the proposed change aimed to address both commerce and safety issues associated with such noise levels.

TESTIMONY: **Dexton Lake**, Idaho Farm Bureau spoke in favor of **H 533**. **Mr. Lake** offered full support of this bill to keep food products secure and stated it would keep the supply chain resilient and safe.

MOTION: **Senator Hart** moved to send **H 533** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Just** moved to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2024. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Rabe** moved to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2024. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, March 05, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 547</u>	PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT LICENSE PLATES - Amends existing law to remove a fee for recipients of purple heart license plates.	Rep. Berch Rep. Hill Senator Just
<u>H 583</u>	MOTOR VEHICLES - Amends existing law to revise the definition of "resident" for vehicle registration, titling, driver's license, and identification card purposes.	Rep. Mitchell Senator Hart
<u>RS 31545</u>	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. - Unanimous Consent Request for Referral to a Privileged Committee for printing.	Senator Den Hartog
<u>RS 31547</u>	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO STATE POLICE AND IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WITH AN EXCEPTION. - Unanimous Consent Request for Referral to a Privileged Committee for Printing.	Senator Den Hartog
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of February 8th, 2024.	Senator Den Hartog
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of February 13th, 2024.	Senator Carlson

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, Rabe, Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

H 547 **PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT LICENSE PLATES - Amends existing law to remove a fee for recipients of purple heart license plates. Representative Berch** stated under the specialty Purple Heart license plate program only a disabled Purple Heart recipient was able to obtain a license plate with no fees. **Representative Berch** stated this legislation would allow all Purple Heart recipients to obtain a license plate for free as a way to show appreciation and honor our veterans, this would not impact the general fund, but would impact the plate fund which already designated funds for that purpose.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked for clarification if a veteran had to be 100% disabled to get the free plates. **Representative Berch** responded the federal government had a formula to determine the eligibility requirement for a disabled veteran.

Senator Rabe asked when a purchase was made for these plates how were the funds distributed. **Representative Berch** stated the proceeds went directly to the Purple Heart Fund, not the General Fund.

MOTION: **Senator Just** moved to send **H 547** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senator Just** will carry on the floor.

H 583 **MOTOR VEHICLES - Amends existing law to revise the definition of "resident" for vehicle registration, titling, driver's license, and identification card purposes. Representative Mitchell** stated with H 340, the voter ID law being passed, the proposed change to this legislation would reduce the allowable time frame to align with the 30 day voter ID requirement instead of the current 90 days.

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Okuniewicz** asked if a person who had just moved here 31 days prior, wanted to vote at the polls, and had not received their ID yet, would they still have the ability to vote? **Representative Mitchell** stated during a regular voting session there was a list of other documentation a person would present in order to register to vote unless the individual had started the process for a temporary driver's license.

Senator Just asked if the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) would encounter any issues if a person came in on the 29th day and would they receive a temporary permit. **Representative Mitchell** stated in the case of a police officer, they may not investigate such cases. The main purpose of this legislation was to align with the voter laws.

Vice Chair Den Hartog made the comment that despite the potential delay in mailing within 30 days the temporary paper printout could be acceptable for voter requirements also. **Representative Mitchell** responded yes, the temporary permit would be acceptable.

Senator Hart requested **H 583** be sent to the 14th Order for possible amendment to fulfill the voter registration requirements and give individuals more time to change their driver's license.

Senator Winder asked what the advantages would be to amend **H 583**. **Senator Hart** stated he hoped to find a more flexible solution by not mandating everyone to update their driver's license within 30 days to allow those with more complicated moves additional time of up to 90 days to make the update.

Senator Trakel clarified a person residing in Idaho could declare residency without a specific requirement to do so, giving flexibility in when they could declare residency and in the case of voting, a temporary license was issued immediately.

Senator Carlson asked for clarification if the intent of the legislation included vehicle registration and vehicle titling being required within the 30 days. **Chairman Okuniewicz** stated no, this legislation did not include this.

Vice Chair Den Hartog asked if the document requirements were the same for a driver's license and the free voter ID. **Representative Mitchell** stated yes, the requirements were the same.

MOTION:

Senator Hart moved to send **H 583** to the 14th Order of Business for possible amendment. **Senator Just** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senator Trakel** asked to be recorded as voting nay.

**RS 31545, RS
31547**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO A PRIVILEGED COMMITTEE FOR PRINTING, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO STATE POLICE AND IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WITH AN EXCEPTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO A PRIVILEGED COMMITTEE FOR PRINTING. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** stated **RS 31545** represented the rule the House Transportation and Defense Committee rejected and **RS 31547** represented all of the rules agreed on by both committees. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** also stated the two concurrent resolutions represented the committee's actions on adopting all of the rules.

MOTION:

Senator Winder asked for unanimous consent to send **RS 31545** and **RS 31547** to the State Affairs Committee for a print hearing. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES
APPROVAL:**

Vice Chair Den Hartog moved to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2024. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES
APPROVAL:**

Senator Carlson moved to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2024. **Senator Just** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:00 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 640</u>	MOTOR VEHICLES - Amends existing law to define the term "service-only facility."	Rep. Holtzclaw Senator Okuniewicz
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of February 20, 2024.	Senator Hart
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of February 27, 2024.	Senator Rabe
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of March 5, 2024.	Senator Just

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Chairman Okuniewicz	Sen Toews
Vice Chairman Den Hartog	Sen Trakel
Sen Winder	Sen Rabe
Sen Hart	Sen Just
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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Toews (Toews), Trakel, Just

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Senator Rabe

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:00 p.m.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Okuniewicz passed the gavel to Senator Winder.

H 640 **MOTOR VEHICLES - Amends existing law to define the term "service-only facility."** **Chairman Okuniewicz** stated this legislation created a definition for a "service-only facility" for automobile dealerships. **Chairman Okuniewicz** stated automobile dealerships had to operate as full-service business if they offered service and warranty work. **Chairman Okuniewicz** also stated this change enabled dealerships to own and run facilities solely dedicated to servicing and warranty work, eliminating the need for a full-time salesman on staff.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Hart** asked what would be the difference of the terms customer-facing and non- customer-facing facility. **Chairman Okuniewicz** invited Loren Piel to speak to Senator Hart's question.

TESTIMONY: **Loren Piel**, Kendall Auto Group, provided clarification of the terms customer-facing and non-customer-facing. **Mr. Piel** stated a customer-facing facility permitted customers to bring their vehicles for service and have them returned after completion and a non-customer-facing facility served as an auxiliary space for moving vehicles back and forth to perform services. **Mr. Piel** stated customer-facing service only facilities proved more efficient, particularly in densely populated metro areas where expansion for service capacity was constrained by limited space. A service-only facility offered dealerships the chance to enhance customer service, process recalls, and handle warranty repairs more effectively.

MOTION: **Senator Hart** moved to send **H 640** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Senator Winder passed the gavel back to Chairman Okuniewicz.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Hart** moved to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2024. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Just** moved to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2024 and March 5, 2024. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:00 P.M.
Room WW53
Thursday, March 14, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 638aa</u>	STRATEGIC INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the Strategic Initiatives Grant Program.	Rep. Palmer Senator Den Hartog
<u>H 689</u>	DEALERS AND SALESMEN LICENSING - Amends and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors and to provide for affiliates and entities.	Rep. Blanksma Senator Okuniewicz
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of March 12, 2024.	Senator Trakel

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2024

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chairman Den Hartog, Senators Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, Rabe, Just

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Senator Winder

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:00 p.m.

H 638aa **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the Strategic Initiatives Grant Program.** **Vice Chair Den Hartog** stated this legislation proposed to change the administration of the Strategic Initiatives Grant Program which distributed funds to local highway districts and governments for projects under the management of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). The legislation aimed to transfer this responsibility to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). **Vice Chair Den Hartog** also stated **H 638aa** proposed for large urban areas to provide a 20 percent match for any funds received from the program which would ensure that the allocated funds could be utilized more effectively between the large urban and the small rural areas.

MOTION: **Senator Toews** moved to send **H 638aa** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Okuniewicz passed the gavel to Vice Chair Den Hartog.

H 689 **DEALERS AND SALESMEN LICENSING - Amends and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors and to provide for affiliates and entities.** **Chairman Okuniewicz** stated **H 689** was a consensus legislation that balanced the relationship between auto dealers and manufacturers in Idaho and focused on amending the existing motor vehicle code in the State, specifically with franchise dealers and their manufacturer counterparts. **Chairman Okuniewicz** turned time over to Jim Addis for further clarification of the proposed legislation.

TESTIMONY: **Jim Addis**, executive director, Idaho Auto Dealer Association, spoke in favor of **H 689**. **Mr. Addis** stated **H 689** aimed to update existing long-standing Idaho code to maintain competitive markets in response to rapid technological and market changes. The update clarified roles for both Idaho franchise dealers and manufacturer partners and ensured fair treatment. **Mr. Addis** also stated the consensus language was agreed upon by manufacturer partners to strengthen relationships and upheld the history of free markets that would benefit Idaho consumers in vehicle purchasing and financing.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Just** asked how this legislation would impact manufacturers who didn't have a dealer presence in Idaho. **Mr. Addis** stated **H 689** language specifically targeted franchise dealers in Idaho and manufacturers operating under a franchise system. **Mr. Addis** stated the provision had no impact on other entities.

Senator Rabe expressed concern that this legislation would reduce competition and potentially raise prices for Idaho consumers. **Mr. Addis** stated this legislation would ensure there was free market competition by making a manufacturer enable to compete with its franchisee.

Senator Toews asked what if a manufacturer had a franchise partner and that partner wanted to change their business model, would that be possible. **Mr. Addis** stated the language in the Idaho code it would prohibit manufacturers from utilizing a subsidiary or affiliated company.

MOTION: **Senator Rabe** moved to send **H 689** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Just** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chair Den Hartog passed the gavel back to Chairman Okuniewicz.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Trakel** moved to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2024. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, Chairman Okuniewicz adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1:00 P.M.
Room WW53
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 729</u>	HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the legislative policy on highway-related expenditures.	Rep. Palmer Senator Okuniewicz
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of March 14, 2024.	Senator Toews
PRESENTATION:	Page Farewell Cameron Spencer.	Senator Okuniewicz

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MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Senators Winder, Carlson, Toews, Rabe, Just, Den Hartog

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Trakel and Hart

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CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:04 p.m.

H 729 **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the legislative policy on highway-related expenditures.** **Representative Palmer** stated **H 729** was a clerical fix and addressed the term "State highway distribution account," and clarified that it did not exist. **Representative Palmer** stated **H 729** also included additional language to clarify the allocation of funds within the account.

MOTION: **Senator Winder** moved to send **H 729** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senators **Just** and **Rabe** voted nay.

MINUTES APPROVAL **Senator Toews** moved to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2024. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **Page Farewell of Cameron Spencer.** **Senator Okuniewicz** commended Mr. Spencer for his dedication and commitment for his loyal effort to the committee and the Senate. **Mr. Spencer** stated having had an older sibling who served as a page the prior year, he felt he knew what to expect. **Mr. Spencer** stated he gained a new perspective of the Legislature and shared his sensational experiences with the committee.

Senator Winder offered his appreciation to Mr. Spencer for his ambition to become a Senate page and wished him all the best for the future.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
Secretary