

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 16, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Ellsworth, Representative(s) Wood(35), Smith(24), Bedke, Wills, Hart, Nonini, Hagedorn, Bateman, Henderson, Nasset, Ringo, King, Killen

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:**

GUESTS: **Molly McCarty**, Idaho Transportation Department, Governmental Affairs Program Manager; Robert Wells, Special Assistant to Director, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security; Lt. Col. David Dahle, Military Division, Skip Smyser, ITA, Zach Hauge, Capitol West, Benjamin Davenport, Risch Pisca

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Hagedorn** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting as written. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS20754: **Molly McCarty**, Idaho Transportation Department, Governmental Affairs Program Manager, stated the proposed legislation was a finding identified through the Zero Based Budgeting process recommending that the designation be codified rather than mandated. This is a move toward efficiency and will eliminate the need to produce and track a new Executive Order every five years for funding from Federal Transit Administration program funds. This does not change the internal process, and there is no fiscal impact. In response to a question from the committee about whether these are the same as Metropolitan Planning Organizations funds, Molly McCarty said no, these are federal funds but that ITD works closely with MPO.

MOTION: **Representative Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS20754**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS20831: **Robert Wells**, Special Assistant to the Director, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, said this proposed legislation extends the sunset clause for the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) Idaho Code 46-1200, Section 2, Chapter 292, Laws of 2006 from December 2012 through 2018. There are minor language corrections. In addition this makes changes to the make-up of the (SIEC) to reflect the current needs.

In response to a question from the committee about why extend six more years, **Robert Wells** said because the State of Idaho is unique in that we are more vertical, whereas P25 is more akin to flatland. This change will allow emergency, fire, and police to modify their equipment. In response to another question about Operations Manager, Robert Wells said this is a name change from Project Manager to Operations Manager. That person would be paid by the grant process; works for the Adjutant General; and is employed as long as there is a grant. Funds are from the military budget of Homeland Security.

MOTION: **Rep. Hagedorn** made a motion to introduce **RS20831**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS20853: **Robert Wells** Special Assistant to the Director Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, introduced **Lt. Col David Dahle** from the Military Division. Lt. Col Dahle said this proposed legislation establishes a special account that allows the Military Division to accept gifts. In response to a question as to what might be done with these funds, he said they have tried to start a youth challenge program for children who are having trouble getting through school without relying on Federal or State funds. In response to a question about how they determined the \$250,000 amount, Lt. Col. Dahle said they met with the Governor's office and came up with that number.

MOTION: **Representative Bateman** made a motion to introduce **RS20853**.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RS20891: **Representative Hagedorn** stated he represents District 20 in Meridian, Ada County. He was approached by Ada County Highway District, Director Bruce Wong, who has turned ACHD around 180 degrees. He said ACHD's 40th birthday is coming up and Mr. Wong would like to recognize the folks in his department for their fine work. ACHD is the only county highway district in the nation.

MOTION: **Representative Ellsworth** made a motion to send **RS20891** directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Representative Hagedorn** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Jane Clark
Secretary