

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 07, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Stevenson, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Wood(35), Barrett, Moyle, Eskridge, Raybould, Bedke, Andrus, Wood(27), Boyle, Hagedorn, Harwood, Vander Woude, Gibbs, Pence, Higgins, Lacey

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Stevenson

GUESTS: Sharon Kiefer, IDFG; Ron Harriman, TAC Committee; Benjamin Davenport, Risch Pisca; Jennifer Okerlund, Tammy Kolsky, Rick Just, Dave Ricks, Nancy Merrill, IDPR; Amy Smith, ITD; Zach Llay, Capitol West; Phil Homer, IASA; Harold Ott, IRSA; Bonnie Butler, Governors Office; Bert Marley, IEA; Laurie Boackel, Idaho PTA; Joie McGarvin, Russell Westerburg, Westerburg & Associates

Vice Chairman Shepherd called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 31, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, February 1, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 20947: **Rep. Bedke** said this legislation regarding the Scaling Practices Board will change the requirement for members appointed by the Governor. He said this legislation will change the number of members on the Board from five to 6. He explained the new member nominees would come from a broad spectrum of the timber community and the terms of Board members would still be three years. Rep. Bedke said an emergency clause has been added to allow the Governor to appoint the new member before the budget and assessment setting meeting of the Board for FY 2013.

MOTION: **Rep. Hagedorn** made a motion to introduce **RS 20947**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21110C1: **Rep. Vander Woude** said there were informational hearings held last year in this Committee and in the Interim Committee and this legislation is the result of those meetings. He said this proposed legislation is similar to **H 188** from last year but there are slight changes in the disposal of property. He said this legislation prohibits the Land Board from owning businesses. Rep. Vander Woude said this will also change the provision for the money going into the endowment land bank, it can only be held there for six months rather than 5 years.

MOTION : **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 21110C1**, with a recommendation from the Committee to the Chairman that he get a legal opinion of the constitutionality of the amendments to this statute.

Rep. Vander Woude answered questions from the Committee saying the state endowment would still own the land but this will prevent the Land Board from operating the business on the land. Committee members suggested there be more information regarding the change in the length of time the money can be in the endowment land bank and an estimation to the fiscal impact on the endowment funds which could effect the General Fund.

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

H 446: **Nancy Merrill**, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, said this bill will provide people with a choice at the same time they register their car to purchase a state parks passport. She said the program allows the entrance into all of Idaho's state parks. Ms. Merrill said the funds collected will be deposited with the State Treasurer and then transferred to the parks and recreation fund.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Merrill** said when a person receives their registration renewal notice, the notice will show a choice to participate in the passport program. She also said they are working with the Department of Transportation on an MOU similar to the one they use for the registration of boats, etc. in regards to reimbursement of fees for their collection of the fees at the time of registration.

MOTION: **Rep. Harwood** made a motion to send **H 446** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Roberts** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 21136: **Rep. Luker** said this proposed legislation will exempt military and veterans of the military from the hunter education requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to introduce **RS 21136.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Representative Shepherd
Chairman

Susan Werlinger
Secretary