

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 08, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Marriott, Representative(s) Collins, Bayer, Chadderdon, Barbieri, Luker, Perry, Sims, Higgins, Buckner-Webb

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Teresa Baker and Brian K. Wilbur, Ada County Prosecuting Office; John Eaton, Realtor; Zach Hague, Capitol West; Russell Westerberg, Truth-Justice & American Way; Jesse Taylor, Westerberg & Associates; Teresa Molitor, Lake City Development Corporation/Jerome Urban Renewal; M. McLane, Gallatin; Dustin Hurst, Idaho Reporter.com.

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

MOTION: **Representative Collins** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Representative Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 20944: **Representative Sims** presented **RS 20944**, which specifies that the City Council or Board of County Commissioners shall adopt by resolution by which existing urban renewal agencies shall select a Board of Commissioners, either by the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the local governing body, or by provisions provided for in subsection (b) of Section 50-2006, Idaho Code.

A question-and-answer period ensued regarding elected officials and taxing authority.

MOTION: **Representative Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 20944**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21203: **Representative Thompson** presented **RS 21203**, which amends Urban Renewal Law 50-2008 by clearly identifying the parameters of the project so as to provide voters a clear understanding of the cost. Also, the project shall have a clear start time, run time, and terminating time.

MOTION: **Representative Luker** made a motion to introduce **RS 21203**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21209: **Ms. Teresa Baker**, Ada County Prosecutor's Office, presented **RS 21209**, which allows counties to adopt nuisance weed ordinances that allow abatement of those nuisance weeds if the property owners refuse to take action. Ms. Baker said that the economy has left many large parcels of land that were once used for agriculture to fallow and be overcome with nuisance weeds without a property owner willing to abate them. Cities currently have the right to abate all nuisances in this manner but counties do not.

Committee members asked about due process, protection of landowners, and whether a special levy would be added to the owner's tax bill. **Representative Barbieri** said he would like to see some assurance to protect the property owners' rights.

MOTION: **Representative Higgins** made a motion to introduce **RS 21209**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21127: **Representative Nonini** presented **RS 21127**, which amends Sections 50-2007 and 50-2010, Idaho Code, placing additional limitations on the use of eminent domain. The intent is that urban renewal agencies shall not have the authority to exercise the power of eminent domain. Nothing in the proposed legislation shall prohibit a city or county from utilization of its authority of eminent domain within its jurisdiction.

MOTION: **Representative Marriott** made a motion to introduce **RS 21127**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21022C1: **Representative Jaquet** presented **RS 21022C1**, which relates to the Charter of the City of Bellevue, amending Chapter IV, Elections, Section 41, to provide for the term of office to be changed from two years to four years and to be as set forth in the general laws of the State of Idaho applicable to election of city officials, including subsequent amendments and to provide staggered terms of office.

MOTION: **Representative Higgins** made a motion to introduce **RS 21022C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Representative Barrett
Chair

Jeanne Clayton
Secretary