

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 10, 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:** Representative Chadderdon

GUESTS: Jesse Taylor, Westerberg & Associates; Kendra Kenyon, Idaho Council of Governments; Gloria Totoricaguena, citizen; Will Hart, Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association; Teresa Molitor, Energy Integrity Project

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

RS 21263: **Representative Simpson** presented **RS 21263**, which would provide a moratorium for a time certain on the permitting or licensing or construction of certain industrial wind farms and wind turbines and to provide for creation of a legislative task force, declaring an emergency and providing a sunset date. Representative Simpson stressed the moratorium will allow policy makers time and resources to review the impact of wind energy development on Idaho citizens. Because of the massive financial incentives offered to wind developers at the federal, state, and local levels, wind energy development in Idaho has proliferated at an unprecedented rate. The negative impacts of wind energy on wildlife, residents, property owners, taxpayers, and utilities continues to be of concern. This legislation would provide an opportunity for lawmakers to adequately assess the wind energy sector in Idaho and make recommendations based on that assessment.

MOTION: **Representative Bayer** made a motion to introduce **RS 21263**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Representative Barrett
Chair

Jeanne Clayton
Secretary