

MINUTES  
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 16, 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:** Will Hart and Fred Brog, Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association; Teresa Molitor, Energy Integrity Project; Ben Otto, Idaho Conservation League; Elizabeth Criner, Northwest Food Processors Association/Simplot; Rachel Gilbert, Tax Accountability Committee; Stanley Hawkins, citizen; Hubert Osborne, Powerful Friends; Larry Benton, Benton, Ellis; Robert Boren, citizen; Jim Webb, Lower Valley Energy; Boyd Bowles and Jay Hanson, Fall River Electric; Peter Richardson, Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers; Ron Williams, Idaho Energy Resources Authority; Jake Eimers and John Solberg, Idaho County Light & Power; Orin LaRitchie, Northern Lights, Inc.; Everett Gossett and Doug Elliott, Kootenai Electric; Bear Prairie, Idaho Falls Power; Brent Wallin, City of Burley; Brenda Tominaga, Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association; Russell Westerberg, Rocky Mountain Power.

**Chairman Barrett** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Chairman Barrett** recognized **Alex Baca**, House Page, whose tenure with the House will be over at the end of this week. He was presented with a gift in appreciation for his good service to the committee.

**RS 21308:** **Representative Simpson** presented **RS 21308**, which places a moratorium on the licensing of certain industrial wind farms and wind turbines to allow the opportunity for lawmakers to adequately assess the wind energy sector in Idaho and make recommendations. Representative Simpson noted that this proposed legislation had been heard in Planning Code.

**Representative Perry** asked why this legislation had been moved to a different section of Code. **Representative Simpson** replied that he was advised to do so because it was a land issue rather than an energy issue.

**MOTION:** **Representative Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 21308**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Representative Buckner-Webb** requested that she be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**RS 21305C1:** **Representative Schaefer** presented **RS 21305C1**, which repeals Chapter 20, Title 50, to repeal the authority to create urban renewal districts. The legislation amends one section in Chapter 29, Title 50, and repeals one section in Chapter 29, Title 50, that refers specifically to urban renewal agencies. **RS 21305C1** also provides that the appropriate governing body shall ensure that any obligations or liabilities incurred by the urban renewal agency are appropriately retired in a manner consistent with the terms in which such obligations and liabilities were incurred. Representative Schaefer commented that recent legislation in California rescinded that state's urban renewal law because of fiscal restraints.

**MOTION:** **Representative Sims** made a motion to introduce **RS 21305C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Representative Higgins** requested that she be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Representative Barrett  
Chair

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Jeanne Clayton  
Secretary