

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 05, 2012

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Crane, Representative(s) Stevenson, Black, Anderson, Andrus, Bilbao, Luker, Palmer, Simpson, Guthrie, Henderson, McGeachin, Sims, Batt, Smith(30), King, Higgins, Buckner-Webb

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Zaine Baird, Idaho Department of Corrections; Scott Swanson, Idaho Transportation Department; Mike Nugent, Legislative Services Office; Tony Smith, Benton Ellis; Colby Cameron, Sullivan Reberger Eiguren; David Matte, Idaho State Archives; Rod House, Idaho State Archives; Duane Bogstir, State Records, Bill Burns, Department of Administration; Amy Wernsing, Governor's Office.

**Vice-Chairman Crane** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Rep. Batt** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012 as written.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1298:** **Mike Nugent**, Legislative Services Office, presented **S 1298**, legislation to make various codifier corrections to the Idaho Code. Mr. Nugent noted **S 1298** contains corrections to the exemption amounts for levies, removes all references to the interagency committee due to its repeal, removes archaic language that makes reference to the Idaho "state school and hospital", and **S 1298** addresses the change in the county deductible for the catastrophic health care cost account as well as technical corrections.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Luker** made a motion to send **S 1298** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Luker** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 576:** **Rep. Simpson** presented **H 576**, legislation to provide public notice and ballot requirement for levy elections. Rep. Simpson stated that **H 576** will require all taxing districts to post the amount and the purpose of the levy election on the legal notice and the ballot.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to send **H 576** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Simpson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 599:** **Janet Gallimore**, Executive Director, Idaho State Historical Society, presented **H 599**, legislation to consolidate the records functions of the State Records Center (SRC) and the Idaho State Archives (ISA) under the direction of the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS). Ms. Gallimore stated that **H 599** accomplishes the first phase of this initiative with an "as-is" merger by amending the existing ISHS enabling statute 67-4126. This amendment establishes provisions for Records Management Services under the ISHS and establishes a records management fund to accommodate current and future cost recovery efforts to pay for services rendered. **H 599** ensures clarity that "active" records held by the State Records Center under retention by state agencies will not be subject to the fee exception exemption provided to the ISHS for permanent records. **H 599** adds a new Section 67-4131 to address changes in recordkeeping. Language regarding a standard filing system was deleted as each agency's needs are distinct, and language was added regarding electronic protocols.

In response to questions, **Janet Gallimore** explained that the State keeps records in boxes because it is difficult to find the funds to change over all records to the latest version and keep it in perpetuity. The State would have to invest in systems that would update records or recordings into the latest media version, for example, digital recordings. Ms. Gallimore verified that JFAC is prepared to move funds over from the Department of Administration to ISHS if **H 599** passes.

In response to questions, **Rod House**, Idaho State Archives, explained the State maintains the machines and devices to view or listen to records in their original form.

**Zaine Baird**, Management Assistant, Idaho Department of Correction(IDOC), testified **in support of H 599**. Ms. Baird stated that IDOC stores temporary records at the State Records Center as well as permanent records at the Idaho State Archives. In her experience there have been times when state employees did not understand that the State Records Center does not store permanent records. The consolidation proposed under **H 599** would clear up that confusion. It would allow for better long-term planning and enhance the State's ability to keep up with technology pertaining to the storage of all types of data and documents, whether electronic, digital, or hard copies. It always benefits the citizens of Idaho when redundancies are eliminated.

**Scott Swanson**, Records Program Manager, Idaho Transportation Department, testified **in support of H 599**. Mr. Swanson stated the merger of SRC and ISA would benefit these agencies. It would allow for shared staff, resources, and require contacting only one (1) office for questions and directives. The State's most valuable asset is its employees. The second is records and the ability of the staff to support the public and provide services.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Black** made a motion to send **H 599** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Black** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee; the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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Representative Crane  
Vice-Chair

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Lissa Cochran  
Secretary