

MINUTES  
**HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 05, 2012  
**TIME:** 1:15 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room E403  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood(35), Representative(s) Moyle, Bedke, Roberts, Rusche, Higgins, Cronin  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Mike Nugent, Legislative Service Office, Representative Lynn Luker, Benjamin Davenport, Risch Pisca  
**Chairman Wood (35)** called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.  
**RS 21448:** **Mike Nugent**, Legislative Service Office, gave a brief history of the proposed legislation known as the "drop dead bill." It continues certain administrative rules in full force and effect until July 1, 2013.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to introduce **RS 21448** and send it to the 2nd reading calendar. **Motion carried by a voice vote. Rep. Roberts** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**RS 21326C2:** **Rep. Luker**, stated the proposed legislation will establish a Children and Families Legal Service Fund by creating a \$20.00 filing fee on domestic relations actions. The fund will be administered by the Idaho State Controller and disbursed by the Idaho Supreme Court. The proposed legislation specifically addresses which types of legal services may or may not be provided for under this fund. It is estimated this proposed legislation will raise approximately \$325,000 annually.  
In response to questions as to which types of cases for which the fund may be used **Rep. Luker** stated the funds may not be used for class action lawsuits, criminal cases, representation of persons who are currently incarcerated, cases concerning abortion or reproductive issues or lawsuits against the state of Idaho.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Bedke** made a motion to introduce **RS 21326C2. Motion carried by a voice vote. Rep. Moyle** requested that he be recorded as voting **NAY**.  
**RS 21280C1:** **Rep. Luker**, stated the proposed legislation will strengthen current Idaho Code for Idahoans by voiding provisions of contracts that would require them to waive their rights to access Idaho courts.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Bedke** made a motion to introduce **RS 21280C1. Motion carried by a voice vote.**  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Representative Wood(35)  
Chair

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Brenda Walters  
Secretary