

MINUTES
HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Lake, Vice Chairman Collins, Representative(s) Barrett, Moyle, Raybould, Roberts, Schaefer, Smith(24), Wood(35), Bedke, Harwood, Barbieri, Bayer, Ellsworth, Gibbs, Killen, Burgoyne, Rusche

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Harwood, Burgoyne.

GUESTS: Dave Goins, Idaho News Service

Chairman Lake called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2012 committee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2012 committee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2012 committee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 559: **Russ Hendricks**, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, gave a summary of **H 559**. This bill is a simple idea to ensure that state government cannot grow faster than the economy that supports it. It allows state budgeting to be more stable over time.

Rep. Roberts said that concerns have been addressed regarding a conflict with **H 594**, which has been amended. The conflict was due to **H 594** sweeping all the money first, and there would be no money left to be addressed by **H 559**. With the amendment of **H 594**, everything works.

Committee discussion included the following statements: Has there been any opinion issued by the Office of the Attorney General? The change in definition of what we count as personal income lowers revenue by about \$6B. There will be a stricter limitation on budgets as a result of this bill. The definition is inappropriate. It doesn't recognize the economic activity of seniors and will be a burden for schools. It will take a long time to fill the rainy day fund under this legislation. Lottery winnings would be considered earned income under this bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to send **H 559** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 5 NAY, 2 Absent/ Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Barrett, Moyle, Raybould, Roberts, Schaefer, Wood(35), Bedke, Barbieri, Bayer, Ellsworth, Gibbs. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Collins, Smith(24), Killen, Rusche, Lake. Reps. Harwood, Burgoyne** were absent/excused. **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.

Representative Lake
Chair

Janet Failing
Secretary