

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.

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Representative Lake  
Chair

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Janet Failing  
Secretary