

## MINUTES

# HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 09, 2013  
**TIME:** 12:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW05  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Anderson(31), Representatives Loertscher, Anderst, Hancey, Harris, Holtzclaw, Mendive, Romrell, VanOrden, King, Woodings  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative King  
**GUESTS:** Woody Richards, Insurance Entities; Pam Eaton, Idaho Retailers Association and Idaho State Pharmacy Association; Paul Jackson, Farmers Insurance Group

**Chairman Hartgen** called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

**Chairman Hartgen** introduced himself to the committee, and allowed each member to make introductions as well. The Committee Secretary was introduced, as well as the Committee Page, **Weston Durland**.

**Chairman Hartgen** stated that the committee will be hearing rules next week on Tuesday, January 15, and Thursday, January 17, and plans to complete the rule review process in those two days. There are eight rules before the committee this year. He is not aware of any controversy surrounding these rules. Chairman Hartgen explained that the committee will have the collective authority to approve the rules or reject them in part or in whole, but will not be able to rewrite the rules. He assigned proofreaders for the committee's meeting minutes. Proofreaders will be **Rep. Anderst** and **Rep. Woodings**.

**Chairman Hartgen** discussed the areas that are typically reviewed by the Commerce and Human Resources Committee. Those areas include labor and the creation of jobs through the Department of Commerce and the private sector. Legislation and rules related to the Workers' Compensation Fund, the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, the Rural Block Grant Program, the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI), vocational rehabilitation and job retraining will come before the committee. Additionally, the committee can expect to hear from the Division of Human Resources and the Department of Administration on items such as employee compensation. Departments and agencies may provide informative presentations to the committee in addition to presenting and testifying on legislation.

**Chairman Hartgen** said that there are bills pending the committee's review, and they will be heard after the rules review process has been completed. He provided a brief overview of Rules Governing Committee and stated that the Committee Page will have Legislative Rules of Decorum available for testifiers during upcoming hearings.

In response to questions, **Chairman Hartgen** and **Rep. Loertscher** stated that Fee Rules must be affirmatively approved by both bodies. If either the House or Senate fails to approve a Fee Rule, it does not go into effect. Pending and Temporary Rules will go into effect on their own unless they are specifically rejected.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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Representative Hartgen  
Chair

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Mary Tipps  
Secretary