

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2013

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Johnson, Senators Keough, Winder, Rice, Nonini, Hagedorn, Bock, and Buckner-Webb

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:**

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CONVENED: **Chairman Brackett** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Chairman asked the secretary to take a silent roll; the Chairman announced there was a quorum.

Chairman Brackett welcomed everyone to the Committee. He introduced himself and made remarks about his background with transportation, including that he had served as the Vice Chairman of the Committee the past two sessions. He then asked each Committee Member to introduce themselves.

INTRODUCTIONS: **Senator Buckner-Webb** said she was raised in Boise and briefly spoke about her work when the legislature is not in session. **Senator Nonini** said he was from Coeur d'Alene, gave his background, and said he was glad to be a member of the Senate Transportation Committee. **Senator Rice** said he was from Caldwell, District 10, and that he had served on the Committee during the last legislative session; he was glad to be back. **Senator Keough** said she was from the most northern part of Idaho representing District 1; she too was happy to be back on the Committee. **Vice Chairman Johnson** said he represented District 6 (Nez Perce and Lewis counties) and that he was new to the Committee and liked the idea of working with Members with whom he had not previously worked. **Chairman Brackett** commented that he was pleased to have **Vice Chairman Johnson** as his Vice Chairman. **Senator Winder** represents District 20 and is very familiar with transportation issues through his professional work outside the legislature. **Senator Hagedorn** is from District 14 and had served three terms on the House Transportation and Defense Committee; he is happy to be on the Senate Transportation Committee. **Senator Bock** represents District 16 which encompasses Northwest Boise and Garden City; this is his fourth term in the legislature, third term in the Senate, and his first opportunity to serve on the Senate Transportation Committee.

Committee Secretary Gaye Bennett said this was her third year serving on the Senate Transportation Committee; she was glad to be back. **Committee Page Jessica Kennedy** of Lewisville, Idaho, introduced herself. She noted that Lewisville is between Rexburg and Idaho Falls in Southwest Idaho. She has been involved in backstage work for school plays and enjoys managing. She wants to pursue political science in college and is excited about being a Senate Page.

**PASSING OF
GAVEL:**

Chairman Brackett thanked the Members for their comments. The Chairman turned the meeting over to **Vice Chairman Johnson** to discuss the Committee's process for reviewing Administrative Rules. The Vice Chairman began his overview by stating that he had assigned specific rules to Members of the Committee. The Committee would hear the rules at Thursday's Committee meeting. The Committee will go through each docket with rule topic experts from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and the Idaho State Police (ISP). These experts will be at Thursday's hearing to present each docket and respond to any questions posed by Committee Members. There were no questions from the Committee regarding the process. The Vice Chairman turned the meeting back to **Chairman Brackett**.

RS 21672C1:

Chairman Brackett thanked **Vice Chairman Johnson** for his oversight work on the Committee's Administrative Rules. The Chairman began the RS review process by calling on **Tom Cole**, ITD's Chief Engineer, to present RS 21672C1.

Mr. Cole stated that this was cleanup legislation to eliminate inconsistencies between sections in Idaho Code related to the relinquishment of State highways to local jurisdictions. Idaho Code requires the Idaho Transportation Board (ITD Board) to advise the affected jurisdictions of this change, and requires ITD Board to "seek consent" from local jurisdictions prior to changing jurisdiction from the State to a local jurisdiction. This legislation would defer transferring back to the previous requirement. **Mr. Cole** stood for questions.

Senator Nonini stated that Coeur d'Alene was dealing with this issue on a section of the old highway, Lake Shore Drive, and wanted to know if this legislation would help with that process. **Mr. Cole** said it affects that highway and multiple other locations throughout the State. He cited examples of how the interaction would take place.

Senator Bock commented on the fact that there is a lot of Code sections deleted in this legislation. Given this is a print hearing he did not need a response now, but would request an explanation of what was deleted if and when the bill comes up for a hearing.

MOTION:

Senator Hagedorn offered a motion to print RS 21672C1. **Senator Keough** seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RS 21673:

Christine Fisher, ITD Registration Program Specialist, stated that this legislation deals with staggered vehicle registrations. It requests amendment of Idaho Code to allow for additional staggered registration for certain additional passenger-car registrations. It also allows for those vehicles issued annual registrations to be issued staggered registrations and clarifies the difference between annual and staggered registrations. Annual registrations all expire on December 31st of each year, and staggered registrations expire throughout the year depending on the original registration date. One result will be more equitable registration fees charged for certain categories of vehicles; she used motorcycle registration as an example. This will also even out the work load by reducing large influxes at the beginning and end of the calendar year; work would be spread out through the year. **Ms. Fisher** stood for questions.

Senator Hagedorn wondered if this legislation would impact ATVs and UTVs. **Ms. Fisher** stated that it would only affect those vehicles that have no other agencies involved in registration, like Idaho Parks and Recreation. Motor homes were another example of vehicles that would not be subject to staggered registration. **Senator Hagedorn** asked what the roadblocks were that will prevent other vehicles from being included. **Ms. Fisher** said one roadblock is the many decals that exist. Print-on-demand decals could be considered, but those with preprinted stickers and decals enforced by another agency are left out of staggered registration. She again used Idaho Parks and Recreation as an example.

Senator Winder stated that he had heard from representatives of Idaho Parks and Recreation that they are trying to get ATV registration under ITD's jurisdiction. **Ms. Fisher** said ITD has been working very closely with Idaho Parks and Recreation on reviewing and giving advice on the package being proposed. She suggested that things could change when and if that legislation passes. RS 21673 was written under current statutes. There were no further questions from the Committee.

MOTION: **Senator Keough** offered a motion to print RS 21673. **Senator Rice** seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RS 21700: **Barry Takeuchi**, ITD Titles Program Specialist, said this legislation deals with salvage certificates. It would allow ITD to gain efficiencies by eliminating the usage of the salvage certificate and utilizing the regular specific title for all vehicle ownership. The salvage title would carry a conspicuous salvage designation. It provides for a single inventory creating efficiencies. Salvage titles would only be issued by ITD. Currently insurance companies and salvage pools issue those; under this legislation they would be sending ITD applications for salvage certificates. There would also be changes in security and control of ownership and timelines of the recording of a salvage vehicle issuance. **Mr. Takeuchi** stood for questions. There were no questions from the Committee.

MOTION: **Senator Keough** offered a motion to print RS 21700. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: **Chairman Brackett** asked for comments from the floor; being none, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Senator Brackett
Chairman

Gaye Bennett
Secretary