

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2013
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Henderson, Vice Chairman Thompson, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Batt, Agidius, Clow, Hixon, Kauffman, Monks, Morse, Stevenson, Youngblood, Smith, Rusche, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Leon Duce, Association of Idaho Cities; Marty Durand, Idaho BTC; John Eaton, Realtors; Jack Lyman, Idaho Housing Alliance; Jerry Peterson, Division of Building Safety; Tony Smith, American Institute Architects; Russell Westerberg

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Vice Chairman Thompson asked for the Subcommittee reports from their respective Chairmen. He stated actions will be taken on them next week.

Rep. Stevenson said the Administrative Rules Subcommittee assigned to the Bureau of Occupational Licensing, the Board of Accountancy and the Department of Finance rules met and recommends approval of all Pending and Fee Rules reviewed with the exception of **Docket No. 24-2501-1201** and **Docket No. 24-0101-1201** which they send without recommendation.

Rep. Youngblood said the Administrative Rules Subcommittee assigned to the Division of Building Safety rules met and recommends approval of all Pending and Fee Rules reviewed without exception.

Rep. Barbieri said the Administrative Rules Subcommittee assigned to the Board of Licensed Engineers & Surveyors and the Department of Insurance rules met and recommends approval of all Pending and Fee Rules reviewed without exception.

RS 21720: **Jack Lyman**, Idaho Housing Alliance, said this legislation amends the section of the manufactured housing licensing statute by eliminating the category of service company. He said it also amends background checks to other categories of licensing to track better with the Idaho State Police Department.

In response to questions comparing installer and service company terms, **Mr. Lyman** responded that they were originally interchangeable terms but now are broken out into two separate categories. The legislation will continue to license installers.

MOTION: **Rep. Morse** made a motion to introduce **RS 21720. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21576: **Jerry Peterson**, HVAC Program Manager, Division of Building Safety, stated this legislation clarifies permissive language to allow plumbers to perform installation of fuel piping, steam and chilled water piping and hot water boiler systems. He said these changes were brought from the plumbing agency and was not aware of any opposition.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 21576. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21594: **Jerry Peterson**, Division of Building Safety, explained this legislation modifies the exemption of licenses to employee's maintenance personnel to be limited to repair/replacement of existing plumbing and require a licensed plumber to perform alterations, extensions or new construction.

The committee asked questions regarding scope and definitions.

MOTION: **Rep. Thompson** made a motion to introduce **RS 21594**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21677: **Jerry Peterson**, Division of Building Safety, presented this legislation stating it expands the plumbing definitions to include medical gas and medical vacuum systems. And to would allow the Division of Building Safety to inspect these systems. He is not aware of any opposition.

The Committee asked questions regarding installations and inspections.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to **HOLD RS 21677** in committee Subject to the Call of the Chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Alex LaBeau, President, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, gave an overview of the agency. It is a statewide organization that started in 1974 and focuses on broad based issues to their membership. They have probusiness policies in a wide diversity of fields of business membership and encourages businesses to invest in the state of Idaho. He spoke about the key accomplishments in it's history; to include accomplishments in transportation, water conservation, environment, education and technology. He reviewed the future items/issues they are working on, including property tax laws, water quality, environment protection and education reform.

In response to questions regarding internet tax, **Mr. LaBeau** stated they have not taken up the issue yet with their members. It could be issues of selling programs over the internet to be taxed or just a tax on using internet or cloud computing. In response to questions regarding 'streamline tax', Mr. LaBeau stated it is a way to equalize the process where taxes were paid on similar products when buying an item from an internet-only company that you can also buy in a store in Idaho.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Representative Henderson
Chair

Jackie Wright
Secretary