

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 06, 2013

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wood(35), Wills, Bateman, Henderson, Denney, Gestrin, Gibbs, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Patterson, Youngblood, Ringo, King, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Steve Martin, IDPR, Tamara Humiston, IDPR, Phyllis Easteppe, citizen, Brad Carlson, Idaho News, Nancy Merrill, IDPR, Becky Johnson, Backcountry Recreation Club, Woody Rechols, Ins. Cos., Sandra Mitchell, IRC, Gordon Cruickshank, Valley County, Steven Huffman, Boise ATC Trail Riders, Amy Smith, ITD, Mike Pape, ITD, Russell Westerberg, Western Aircraft, Kent Wills, ISP, Paul Jackson, Farmers Group Inc., Kyle Wills, Boise Police Dept., Tony Smith, Benton Ellis, Dave Carlson, AAA Idaho.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2013. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21908: **Rep. Wills**, said this RS would amend Idaho Code Section 49-673 providing a primary action violation of the state seat belt law for persons between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, regardless of whether the operator is detained for any other suspected violation of law.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to introduce **RS 21908**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to return **RS 21908** to the sponsor.

The committee expressed concerns regarding the age of eighteen in the proposed legislation. Members commended that an eighteen year old can vote and carry a gun in a war and it is their own responsibility to obey the law. More comments were made regarding an eighteen year old not being as attentive especially when they are with their peers and this proposed legislation could be a financial burden on the parents.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the substitute motion to return **RS 21908** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 21908**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21642C2: **Nancy Merrill**, Director, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation said this proposed legislation shifts the recreational registration process for boats, off-highway vehicles, and resident snowmobiles from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). ITD is upgrading their motor vehicle registration system. The system will require a unique identified number such as a social security, driver's license, or tax identification number.

Director Merrill said that the Parks and Recreation Department had received a lot of constituent letters on this legislative proposal. She said there were concerns that vendors who currently carry out the registration services would be losing significant business along with the loss of ready access to the registration. Director Merrill pointed out that on-line registration is available, so that individuals wouldn't lose their opportunity to use their recreational items. She said that vendors could still sell stickers to accommodate out-of-town folks who visit an area for recreational purposes.

MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to introduce **RS 21642C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26167: **Mike Pape**, ITD Aeronautics, said the pilot registration fee of \$12.00 every two years has not increased since 1990. He said current revenue does not cover even the cost of pilot safety training. This has stalled the volunteer search pilot network. The existing statute requires pilot registration, but provides no enforcement mechanism. He said given the challenges and limitations associated with pilot registration, they propose eliminating this statutory requirement and shifting the focus to aircraft registration.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 26167**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21675: **Mike Pape**, ITD Aeronautics, said to increase aircraft registration fees from 1 cent per pound of aircraft to 3 cents per pound of aircraft would recoup part of the lost revenue value. The existing cap on registration fees would be increased from \$200.00 to \$600.00 per craft. He said a new minimum \$20.00 fee would be imposed to cover the administrative cost of registering very light aircraft and those experimental aircraft with no manufacturer's certified maximum weight.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to introduce **RS 21675**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21850: The committee will hear **RS 21850** at a later date.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Leah Kent
Secretary