

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 07, 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:** Rep. Thompson

GUESTS: Roger Hales, Bureau of Occupational Licenses; Tana Cory, Bureau of Occupational Licenses; Megan Ronk, Idaho Department of Commerce; Jeff Sayer, Idaho Department of Commerce; Raeleen Welston, Westerberg & Associates; Shoni Pegram, Office of the Governor; Anita Hamann, Department of Financial Management; Amy Wernsing, Office of the Governor; Tony Smith, American Institute of Architects; Dawn Peck, Idaho State Police; Russell Westerberg, Westerberg and Associates; Suzanne Budge SBS Associates, LLC.

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2013. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Jeffrey Sayer, Director, Idaho Department of Commerce, presented the goals and programs of his Department. He said there are three foci: 1. Protect and Retain Idaho Businesses, 2. Grow Existing Idaho Businesses, 3. Attract New Businesses through three foundation principles: 1. Low Cost Environment, 2. Robust Workforce, 3. Strong Infrastructure. Mr. Sayer highlighted some of the state programs. He mentioned LINE, Leadership in Nuclear Engineering; Governor Otter's Project 60, and IGEM, Driving Industry through Innovation as well as the Idaho Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) .

H 54: **Rep. Lynn Luker** presented **H 54**, which allows insurance producers to participate in the health insurance exchange. He said this is a collateral bill which enables insurance producers to participate in the marketplace regardless of the decision made about the insurance exchange by promulgating the necessary rules. He noted that **H 54** has the support of insurance producers. **Rep. Luker** and **Rep. Hixon** will co-sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **H 54** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

H 74: **Roger Hales**, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **H 74**, relating to the Board of Architectural Examiners. He said this bill eliminates internship as the National Council of Architectural Examiners Board (NCARB) has changed the requirements from a length of time to a system of educational modules. He said the language gives the Idaho Board of Architectural Examiners more leeway in determining length of probation as well as two new grounds for discipline: 1. Wrongful conduct outside of the state of Idaho, 2. Failure to comply with Board ordered discipline. He said the bill eliminates registration of firm names and limitations on foreign corporation architectural practices as licenses are issued to individuals not entities. He said that the Idaho Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has no opposition to **H 74**.

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to send **H 74** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY** vote be recorded. **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 21622C1 **Tana Cory**, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **RS 21622C1** which provides that the Bureau may collect and pay certain fees relating to criminal background checks. She said two business licenses, Residential Care and Driving Businesses, require background checks which are performed by the Idaho State Police. She said the Idaho State Police require that the Bureau of Occupational Licenses collect the fees for background checks.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 21622C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M.

Representative Henderson
Chair

Catherine Costner
Secretary