

MINUTES  
**HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 13, 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:** Dawn Peck, Idaho State Police; Shelly Lewis; Tana Cory, Bureau of Occupational Licenses; Brenda Tominaga, Idaho Rural Water Association.

**Chairman Henderson** called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Brian Whitlock**, Manager of State Government Relations, introduced the Technology Deployment Program at Idaho Nuclear Laboratory (INL), and **Steve McMaster**, Technology Deployment Director. **Steve McMaster** presented Encouraging Innovation Through Technology Deployment. He said technology arises from a legacy of hard work solving big problems. He began his presentation by asking the following questions: 1. Why is innovation important? 2. What is INL doing about innovation? 3. How is innovation put to work? He said significant increases in energy consumption and the need for improved efficiencies are global issues. He said the INL is managed by Battelle Energy Alliance, L.L.C. and covers about 900 square miles of eastern Idaho. He described three important programs: 1. Nuclear Energy, 2. National and Homeland Security, 3. Energy and Environment. He said the INL contributes to the economy of Idaho as a major employer, an engine of economic growth, an economic stabilizer, and major contributor to civic and charitable causes. He said in 2012 technology deployment resulted in 88 inventions recorded, 38 patents issued, 132 licenses, \$1.58 million in royalties, R&D 100 Award to the WS Comm Team, and a Federal Lab Consortium Far West Award. He outlined the changes underway on the INL campus and additional installations planned for the future.

**H 127:** **Tana Cory**, Bureau of Occupational Licenses presented **H 127** which provides that the Bureau may collect and pay certain fees relating to criminal background checks. She said these licenses allow businesses to teach driving skills.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 127** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

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Representative Henderson  
Chair

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Catherine Costner  
Secretary