

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 25, 2013
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Denney, Vice Chairman Gibbs, Representatives Wood (Hall)(35), Barrett, Moyle, Eskridge, Raybould, Andrus, Shepherd, Wood(27), Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Miller, Anderson(1), Pence, Erpelding, Ward-Engelking
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Anderson(1)
- GUESTS:** Tom Schultz, Idaho Dept. of Lands; Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish & Game; Eric Wilson, Idaho Dept. of Lands; Jack Lyman, Idaho Mining Assoc.; Russell Westerberg, ICOA, Bonnie Butler, Governor's Office; Shelley Dunn, BTS; Suzanne Budge, SBS Assoc., LLC.; Courtney Washburn, IICA
- Chairman Denney** called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
- S 1001:** **Ms. Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, stated this legislation amends the current code to remove the obsolete job classification term of "state wildlife veterinarian." This is for the purposes of the agreement between the University of Idaho Caine Veterinary Teaching and Research Center (Center) and the Department of Fish and Game for disease research regarding the interaction of disease between wildlife and domestic livestock. Due to recent revenue conditions, the funding for the shared veterinarian was changed to funding a veterinarian for each agency, which was done with agreement of both agencies and which resulted in no loss of service or coordination between either agency. To ensure coordination regarding the use of these funds, the bill directs the use of the Fish and Game funds relative to interaction of disease between wildlife and domestic livestock to occur between the Center and the Director of the Department of Fish and Game.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(27)** made a motion to send **S 1001** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wood(27)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1003aa:** **Ms. Sharon Kiefer**, presented **S 1003aa** saying this bill consolidates licenses for resident and non-resident youth for hunting. She said feedback indicated that the youth license structure was confusing. This bill makes some technical corrections and removes obsolete provisions of the non resident nongame license.
- In answer to committee questions, **Ms. Kiefer**, clarified that the license fees go into the Department of Fish and Game fund. She clarified that unless money is specified for a specific account it goes into a set-aside provision.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Pence** made a motion to send **S 1003aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pence** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1004:** **Sharon Kiefer**, stated this legislation would create a new three-year licence for adult, junior, resident senior, and resident disabled person's licences. Purchase of a three-year license would be voluntary because the existing lifetime license and annual licenses would still be available. The Department has been investigating aspects of licensing to create a more desirable product for customers. A survey was done and from the positive response, the Department proposed the three-year license. She stated the monies received will be similar in manner to lifetime licenses.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **S 1004** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1049: **Mr. Tom Schultz**, Idaho Department of Lands, stated this legislation changes the membership of the Oil & Gas Conservation Commission. He said the legislation would replace the current members of the Commission, who are also members of the State Land Board. He said the legislation would also establish Commission member terms, election of officers, member compensation, frequency of meetings, staffing and other duties. It also allows the new Commission to designate hearing officers, establish advisory committees related to oil and gas, and perform duties associated with oil and gas regulation in Idaho. The new Commission can either retain the department as their administrative agency and the departments director as their secretary, or they may hire their own staff and secretary. The separation of the Land Board and the Commission is to remove the appearance of a conflict of interest.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Mr. Schultz** stated that they are not changing the Commission, they are changing what they do. He said it would bring the expertise of people which is not currently available on the Board.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to send **S 1049** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to questions, **Mr. Schultz** clarified the compensation for an honorarian is not considered a salary. He said his understanding is the position would count toward PERSI and longevity. He stated the Commission would not have an engineer. He said the Commission would take over the duties of the Land Board. He said they are not creating a new Commission, just a different membership that would be appropriate to Idaho.

Rep. Vander Woude clarified that under the honorarian you are not responsible for PERSI and the bill would need to be amended prior to sending it to the floor.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Vander Woude** made a substitute motion to send **S 1049** to General Orders with amendments attached to change "h" to "n", on page 2, line 7. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Representative Denney
Chair

Rosee Winder
Secretary