

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 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: Tamara Mackenthun, Div. of Veterans Services, Sen Marv Hagadorn, Sen. Steve Vick, Rex Green, ISIADA

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

S 1043: **Rep. Bateman** said this legislation seeks to honor Idaho Veterans by formally recognizing their service by allowing the DMV to add information to state drivers' licenses or identification cards signifying the holder's status as a veteran. He also said that at the present time National Guard are exempt unless called to active duty.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **S 1043** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Eskridge** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1050: **Rex Green**, Idaho State Independent Auto Dealers Association (ISIADA), said this bill will require anyone applying for a wholesale dealer license be required to complete a four hour education program developed and offered by ISIADA, and shall be approved by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD.)

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **S 1050** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1081: **Senator Hagadorn**, said this proposed amendment to Idaho Code, will allow Idaho-based trailer manufacturers to purchase trailer and semi-trailer registrations from the Department and provide such annual registrations to foreign-based purchasers. Additionally, this proposal authorizes the amount of the annual registration fee to be applied to a non-expiring registration from the department, provided that the customer acquires a title for such vehicle and makes application within one year. He said this legislation will reduce the non-expiring registration fee from \$105 to \$99.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to send **S 1081** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wood(35)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1083: **Senator Vick**, said this bill will allow owners of specialty license plates to keep their specialty plate, if they choose to do so, as their motor vehicle's license plate for seven years from the date of issuance, regardless of whether the specialty license plate program is discontinued due to low sales during that seven year period of time. Specialty license plate fees paid by the owner after the specialty plate program has been discontinued will be deposited into the state highway account.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **S 1083** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Leah Kent
Secretary