

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013
- TIME:** 8:30 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representatives Anderson(1), Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Monks, Packer, Smith, Gannon, Woodings
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.
- GUESTS:** Roger Batt, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers; Camille Blaylock, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers; Steve Price, Ada County Highway District; Roger Seiber, Capitol West; Kerry Ellen Elliott, Idaho Association of Counties; Raeleen Welton, Westerberg & Associates; Brett Bingham, Idaho Veterinary Medical Association; Vicki Smith, Idaho Veterinary Medical Association.
- Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- RS 22082:** **Steve Price**, General Counsel for Ada County Highway District, presented **RS 22082**, proposed legislation which amends existing law to provide an exemption for certain public works in obtaining a review by a professional engineer.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Luker** made a motion to introduce **RS 22082** and refer it to the Transportation and Defense Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1025:** **Roger Batt**, on behalf of Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers, presented **S 1025**, a bill which allows a change in the size of containers for wine distributors to purchase, receive, or sell from one gallon to a maximum of fifteen gallons. He stated that currently the distributors have to get special permission from the Idaho State Police when selling anything over a gallon which is needed when selling to restaurants, bars, and for wedding receptions. He said that Oregon, California, and Colorado currently have no size restrictions on wine containers.
- Rep. Batt** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that she will be voting.
- In response to committee questions, **Mr. Batt** stated that the containers that are widely used are rectangular in shape. He also stated that fifteen gallons is the size used in the beer industry and the wine industry wanted to mirror that.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Woodings** made a motion to send **S 1025** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Andrus and Luker** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Woodings** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 22183:** **Dr. Bingham**, Veterinarian, President of Idaho Veterinarian Medical Association, presented **RS 22183**, proposed legislation that amends existing law to revise the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine in the Veterinary Practice Act. He stated the new language adds the ability for veterinarians to prescribe, dispense, deliver, and administer drugs or medicine needed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 22183** and refer it to the Agricultural Affairs Committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 22187:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 22187**, a concurrent resolution which rejects Section 107, Subsection 07, a Final Rule of the State Athletic Commission, Rules Governing Licensing, IDAPA 03.01.01, which deems the Rule null and void. He stated the Rule is in regards to female combatants being forced to have annual physical exams that include pelvic and breast exams and that the Rule is not consistent with legislative intent.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 22187** and send it directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 176:** **Rep. Sims** presented **H 176**, a bill which amends existing law relating to absentee voting to define a term and to provide voting requirements for overseas electors.
- In response to committee questions, **Rep. Sims** stated anyone who is a registered voter who has a domicile in Idaho can vote in the local and state elections.
- Tim Hurst**, Secretary of State, stated that an overseas voter would be someone who has left the country and no longer intends on living in Idaho. He said the current laws state overseas voters can still vote in the federal elections. He stated if citizens of Idaho maintain their residency in Idaho they will not be affected. He stated there are two options on the absentee ballot which are "not going to return" or "uncertain or unsure of when returning." He stated it is a self-identification tool for voters. He stated the Clerk can challenge the registration if warranted.
- Chairman Loertscher** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Batt**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 176** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon, Luker, Smith, and Woodings** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Sims** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Perkins
Secretary