

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2013

TIME: 1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment

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:** Rep. Gestrin

GUESTS: Skip Smyser, Idaho Trucking Assoc., Stu Davis, Idaho Assoc. of Highway Districts, Marie McMcMonigle, U.S. Ecology, Chuck Overman, U.S. Ecology, Greg Laragan, Idaho Transportation Depart., Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau, Russell Westerberg, Western Aircraft, Dave Carlson, AAA, Jane Wittmeyer, Wittmeyer & Associates, Darwin Olberding, Idaho Grain Producers Assoc., Jim Riley, Riley & Assoc.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 06, 2013 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1064: **Roy Eiguren**, Wright Trucking Coalition, said in 2003 the Idaho Legislature enacted legislation that created a ten year pilot project to test the effect of increasing the legal truck weight limits on a number of state highways in southern Idaho. He also said the ITD was tasked with evaluating the impacts of the pilot project routes on bridges, pavement and roadway safety. ITD had to submit a report on such impacts every 3 years to the Legislature. Mr. Eiguren also said a final report on the project was made to the Legislature this past January 2013. This legislation also statutorily removes the sunset clause and provides that 129,000 pound configured trucks can continue to operate on the 35 specified routes.

Brian Whipple, Transportation Manager of The Amalgamated Sugar Company, **Marie McMcMonigle**, U.S. Ecology, **Dennis Tanakunu**, Farm Bureau, **Stuart Davis**, Idaho Association of Highway Districts, **Chuck Overman**, U.S. Ecology, **Skip Smyser**, Idaho Trucking Assoc., **Allen Frew**, Idaho Transportation Department, **Scott Stokes**, Idaho Transportation Department, spoke **in favor** of the bill.

Brad Carlson, AAA, spoke **in opposition** of the bill.

Rep. Gibbs, Rep. Youngblood and Rep. Kauffman invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but they would be voting.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **S 1064** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Wood(35)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Leah Kent
Secretary