

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2013

TIME: 9:00 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:** Chairman Loertscher

GUESTS: Brian Wonderlich, Holland and Hart; Monica Hopkins, ACLU; Holly Koole, IPAA.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

RS 22247: **Rep. Wills** presented **RS 22247**, a concurrent resolution that approves the contract for the printing of the Session Laws.

MOTION: **Rep. Anderson(1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 22247** and send it directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wills** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 22275: **Rep. Gibbs** presented **RS 22275**, proposed legislation to authorize the Legislative Council to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete a study of the alcoholic beverage laws of the State of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Anderson(1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 22275.** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HJM 002: **Rep. Bolz** presented **HJM 002**, a joint memorial that encourages the Federal Communications Commission to resume enforcement of traditional American Standards of decency in prohibiting portrayals of premarital sex on television.

MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a motion to send **HJM 002** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon and Woodings** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Bolz** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1080: **Senator Rice** presented **S 1080**, a bill that amends and adds to existing law relating to county officers, to revise provisions relating to an action against county officials, county commissioners or auditors. He stated it also provides for duties of the Attorney General relating to preliminary investigations and actions against county elected officers and provides a certain exception relating to the primary responsibility for enforcing penal laws. He stated the bill also provides that the Attorney General shall have the duty to enforce a certain act with respect to certain violations committed by members of a Board of County Commissioners.

In response to committee questions, **Senator Rice** stated the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee told him funding for the plan would not be an issue. He also stated the plan would include hiring one additional Deputy Attorney General and one investigator.

Brian Wonderlich, Holland and Hart, stated he is **in support** of the bill. He said that his firm represented the person who initially requested the public records from Canyon County regarding the financial dealings of former Prosecuting Attorney Bujak. He stated if the Attorney General's office had been involved there would not have been an issue with getting the records.

MOTION: **Rep. Packer** made a motion to send **S 1080** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Andrus, Monks and Palmer** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Sims stated she is **in support** of the motion because there is a need for such legislation.

Rep. Palmer stated he is **opposed** to the motion because of the funds needed to implement the plan.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Perkins
Secretary