

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Friday, March 22, 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:** Chairman Palmer, Rep. Wills, Rep. Henderson
- GUESTS:** Stuart Davis, Idaho Association of Highway Districts, Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau, Will Hart, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities, Rick Hahn, Idaho Power, Lisa Jim, Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Senator Brackett, Idaho State Senate, Steve Price, ACHD, Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho, Elizabeth Criner, J. R. Simplot Co., Ed Pemble, ITD.
- Vice Chairman Shepherd** called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2013, March 18, 2013 and March 20, 2013 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 321:** **Rep. Loertscher** presented **H 321** relating to highways. He said this legislation addresses several issues arising from the testimony and discussion before the Senate Transportation Committee during the 2012 Legislative Session relating to **H 628aa**. On March 27, 2012, the Senate Transportation Committee formed an Interim Task Force encompassing members of the Idaho Senate and House of Representative to further study these issues. On October 1, 2012, the Right-of-Way Task Force convened and accepted extensive testimony from several stakeholders and the public. He said the legislation amends several statutory provisions to address the issues raised with the Interim Task Force and also represents a collaborative resolution of the stakeholder's interests. He indicated that this legislation protects private property rights and ensures adequate public rights-of-way for transportation and utility facilities. Rep. Loertscher said that the intent of the Legislature is that this bill shall apply to any and all existing and future highways and public rights-of-way. He explained this includes an emergency clause due to the year delay in legislation and the immediate need to provide clarity regarding the status or abandonment of highways and public rights-of-way.
- Rep. Kauffman** and **Rep. Youngblood** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest by they would be voting on the motion.
- Rep. Hixon** will vote in favor of the bill however reserved the right to change his vote on the floor if new information was presented.
- Those who testified **in favor** of the bill were: **Stuart Davis**, Idaho Association of Highway Districts, **Dennis Tanikuni**, Idaho Farm Bureau, **Will Hart**, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities, **Rick Hahn**, Idaho Power.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **H 321** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Loertscher** will sponsor the bill on the floor. **Rep. Wood(35)** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

S 1179: **Senator Brackett** presented **S 1179** relating to issuing of driver's licenses, identification cards, vehicle registrations and titles to tribal members. He said the Shoshone-Paiute Indian Reservation spans both Idaho and Nevada. Mountain Home, Idaho is closer than Reno Nevada. For 19 years the Paiute Tribe has been purchasing driver's licenses, identification cards, vehicle registrations and titles in the State of Idaho. This has generated 90% of Department of Transportation commerce in Idaho. Senator Brackett said this legislation authorizes the Idaho Transportation Board to enter into agreements with officials from contiguous states to establish provisions allowing the Idaho Transportation Department and contiguous state motor vehicle departments to collect fees and to issue driver's licenses, identification cards, vehicle registration and titles to tribal members in the same manner as would occur in the individual's home state.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **S 1179** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wills** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Charles Johnson, citizen, presented statistics on emissions from Ada and Canyon counties. Strategy for the Development of an Airshed Management Program for the Treasure Valley

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Leah Kent
Secretary