

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Henderson (Chambers), Vice Chairman Thompson, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Batt, Agidius, Clow, Hixon, Kauffman, Monks, Morse, Stevenson, Youngblood, Smith, Rusche, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Thompson, Crane

GUESTS: None.

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 346: **Roger Hales**, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **H 346** relating to landscape architects-in-training. He said the title "landscape architect-in-training", defined in Section 54-3002 (5) as a person who has met the qualifications of being at least 18 years of age and having the appropriate education, may use this title while working under the supervision of a licensed landscape architect, prior to passing the examination. He said these changes were published on the Board's website and post cards were mailed to all licensees with no known opposition.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **H 346** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 347: **Roger Hales**, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **H 347** relating to the Board of Real Estate Appraisers and criminal background checks for applicants. He said the self-governing Real Estate Appraiser Board is made up of licensed Real Estate Appraisers. He said these changes comply with the federal requirement for criminal background checks on applicants. He explained this change will allow the Board to collect fees and pass them on the Idaho State Police. Mr. Hales said proposed revisions have been posted on the Board's website since October 7, 2013, notices were sent to interested parties and licensees with no known opposition.

In response to questions from the Committee, **Mr. Hales** said the fee for background checks of \$41.50 is remitted to the Idaho State Police who performs the service.

Rep. Morse invoked **Rule 38** disclosing he has an inactive Real Estate Appraiser's General Certified license and that he intends to vote.

Rep. Morse spoke in favor of **H 347** as it complies with and assures the continuance of federally insured real estate lending programs for the citizens of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to send **H 347** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Youngblood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 359: **Roger Hales**, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **H 359** relating to the Driving Business Licensure Board apprenticeship requirements. He said this self-governing Board regulates the practice of private driving businesses and is made up of licensees and one public member. He introduced **Mike Dillon** as the public member of the Board. He said due to the relatively small number of individuals who own businesses and can fill the Board position, this change allows licensed driving instructors also to be members of the Board. He said it clarifies and eliminates outdated language associated with original Board member requirements. Mr. Hales said **H 359** allows the Board to waive the apprenticeship requirement for licensure for those applicants who hold a current equivalent license in another state or who otherwise satisfy the training experience of sixty hours in the classroom and one hundred-eight hours behind the wheel. He said this change is meant to eliminate a barrier to business.

In response to questions from the Committee, **Mr. Hales** said the Department of Education will allow private drivers to cross certify as instructors in order to allow a pathway between both professions.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **H 359** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Representative Collins
Chair

Catherine Costner
Secretary