

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wood(35), Wills, Bateman, Henderson (Chambers), Denney, Gestrin, Gibbs, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Ringo, King, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Wills

GUESTS: Linda Webb, Idaho 4-H; Dan Allers, Idaho 4-H, Amy Kearns, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD); Ed Pemble, ITD; Gloria Totoricaguena, PNWER; Amy Smith, ITD; Mike Chakarun, ISTC; Brent Jennings, ITD; Don Williams, ISTC; Jonathan Parker, Holland & Hart; John Foster, Kestrel West; Suzanne Budge, SBS Associates LLC

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

Scott Stokes, Deputy Director of ITD presented "Safety on Idaho Roads." In December 2011 ITD adopted a strategic plan with the emphasis on safety, mobility, and economic opportunity. The primary objective is safety for traveling public. Mr. Stokes stated all of the infrastructure projects and maintenance activities are designed to reduce crashes and save lives. Mr. Stokes continued to add that they are heavily engaging in improving driver behavior and working with the local communities and law enforcement. Mr. Stokes commented that the department can now measure their performance.

In January 2011 ITD introduced the ITD Dashboard to improve transparency and let the public track the progress of ITD. He gave several examples of GARVEE corridors in Idaho highway systems showing measurable statistics in increase traffic volume and decreased accidents. **Mr. Stokes** shared the implementation of Highway Safety Corridor Analysis Program, which won the National Roadway Safety Award in 2013. This system looks at the corridors and takes into account the causation of the crashers, and the variety of contributing circumstances. Staff then moves to recommending specific remedies from low cost to more aggressive treatments to specifically align with the needs of the section. Mr. Stokes pointed out that when we invest in transportation, we are highly motivated to get a high return on that investment. The GARVEE program is a very interesting case where we are living the positive return on our investment.

RS 22432: **Rep. Agidius** presented **RS 22432** and introduced 4-H supporters in the audience: **Linda Web** and **Dan Allers**. This legislation will allow a new 4-H license plate to be purchased by 4-H supporters. The funds of the program will be administered by the University System. 4-H programs all over the State of Idaho will benefit from these funds.

MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to introduce **RS 22432**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 22459C1:** **Amy Kearns**, Program Specialist with Idaho Transportation Department's Driver Services Section, presented **RS 22459C1** which is regarding the assessment and treatment requirements associated with a mandatory driver's license suspension for repeat DUI offenders ignition interlock systems. Ms. Kearns explained that the legislation defines the term repeat offender and when a court can waive the requirement of an alcohol evaluation. The legislation will apply consistency as to the timing and length requirements for an ignition interlock system ordered for a repeat offender and corrects inconsistencies with verbiage in Idaho Code between the use of ignition interlock device and ignition interlock system.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 22459C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 364:** **Michael Chakarun** of the Idaho State Tax Commission stated this is a cleanup bill which focuses on two sections. Section 63-2411 is being repealed because the same language is contained in Section 63-2243. Section 63-2243 contains technical changes and modifies the section allowing only licensed distributors to sell, purchase, receive, accept or transfer motor fuel or other petroleum products.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **H 364** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 365** **Gen. Brad Richy**, Director Bureau of Homeland Security, said this legislation gives authority to the adjutant general to appoint members of the various emergency communications committees.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **H 365** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bateman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 366:** **Gen. Richard Turner**, Military Division, stated that this legislation is housekeeping in nature. He explained the proposal strikes from the text of Idaho Code 46-605, "Shall be entitled to pay of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per day." This payment is below the Idaho minimum wage. By statute, soldiers and airmen on State Active Duty are paid based on military rank and years of service.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **H 366** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 367:** **Gen. Richard Turner**, Military Division, stated the changes to Section 46-604 provide the language needed to allow for the National Guard to be considered a law enforcement agency when the Guard assists other law enforcement agencies in asset forfeiture events. With this designation, Federal agencies will now recognize the National Guard to be entitled to receive funds from the seizure.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to send **H 367** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wood(35)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee; the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Representative Shepherd
Chair

Linda Mott
Secretary