

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 03, 2014
- TIME:** 9:30 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representative(s) Anderson(1), Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Monks, Packer, Smith, Gannon, Woodings
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Raeleen Welton, Westerberg and Associates; Russell Westerberg, Westerberg and Associates.
- Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27th and 28th, 2014 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22667:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** presented **RS 22667**, proposed joint resolution to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the addition of the phrase "Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance, and to highlight its legacy to American citizens.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to introduce **RS 22667**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22682:** **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 22682**, proposed legislation that addresses procedural issues in various sections of the Idaho Code that came to light when conducting elections for the various taxing districts. It clarifies ballot printing deadlines, who is responsible for notification of school zone changes and expands a county's ability to request a modification of election procedures from joint districts to include other small taxing districts. He stated the legislation would only affect 12 precincts which works well with joint districts.
- In response to committee questions, **Mr. Hurst** stated main-in or early voting ballots are treated the same as absentee ballots.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Woodings** made a motion to introduce **RS 22682**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22684C1:** **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 22684C1**, proposed legislation that addresses procedural issues in the election laws of the State. It standardizes initiative and referendum procedures for city, county and state issues; authorizes the use of electronic poll books; prohibits judicial candidates from running for more than one seat at a single election; and removes conflict in language about an elector affiliating with a political party.
- In response to committee questions, **Mr. Hurst** stated the change to 75 days is to be consistent with the recalls which is also 75 days.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Anderson(1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 22684C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22519C1:** **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 22519C1**, proposed legislation that amends the Sunshine Law to more clearly define a "non-business entity" and the entity's reporting requirements and it prohibits contingent fee lobbying of executive officials.

MOTION: Rep. Packer made a motion to introduce **RS 22519C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Perkins
Secretary