

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 10, 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:** Troy Rohn, Volunteer for Rep. Woodings; Raeleen Welton, CDA Racing; Rob Shoplock, Professional Firefighters of Idaho; Shaun Laughlin, Professional Firefighters of Idaho; Grant Hamilton, Professional Firefighters of Idaho; Ryan Van Leuren, Idaho AFL-CID; Dennis Stevenson, Office of Administrative Rules; Jack Lyman, Idaho Mining Association; Julie Hart, Westerberg and Associates.
- Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Woodings** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2014 and February 3, 2014 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Loertscher** turned over the gavel to **Vice Chairman Batt**.
- RS 22812:** **Rep. Loertscher** presented **RS 22812**, proposed joint resolution to amend Section III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho. The amendment empowers the legislature to delegate rulemaking authority to executive agencies and to approve or reject the Administrative Rules issued by those agencies.
- In response to committee questions, **Rep. Loertscher** stated there has not been any negative input on the proposed legislation. He stated there are 70 co-sponsors.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 22812** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Loertscher** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- Vice Chairman Batt** turned over the gavel to **Chairman Loertscher**.
- RS 22636:** **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 22636**, proposed legislation that authorizes the legislative council to appoint a committee to review laws, rules, regulations, mandates, oversights, judicial interpretations and other decisions coming from the federal government. The committee will review issues pertaining to the Legislative Oath and the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution. The Oath requires legislators to "Support and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States and the State of Idaho."
- In response to committee questions, **Rep. Shepherd** stated the original author of the legislation was **Lee Baron**. He stated the committee will decide what to do after they review all of the information.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 22636**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 22791:** **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 22791**, proposed legislation that require labor negotiations for public employees be conducted in open session.
- In response to committee questions, **Rep. Harris** stated he believes this type of negotiation is public business. He stated the language was broadened to include all public employees not just those in education. He stated this issue is a violation of the spirit of the public meeting laws.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 22791**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22600:** **Rep. Erpelding** presented **RS 22600**, proposed legislation which would modernize Idaho's ability to keep its citizens involved particularly those serving overseas, by creating a secure, streamlined, one-stop process for online voter registration.
- In response to committee questions, **Rep. Erpelding** stated the proposed system of voter registration allowed online access with a valid Idaho drivers license or state issued identification card. He said it would be more secure than hand-written and mailed in versions. He stated not everyone would be able to use the online registration if they do not have a drivers license or state issued identification card. He said to streamline the use of voter registration with the DMV files is secure because it authenticates the signature of the person through the DMV files. He stated the estimated \$300,000 for fiscal impact came from conversations with the Idaho Transportation Department.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 22600**.
- In further response to committee questions, **Rep. Erpelding** stated the cutoff to register to vote is 24 days prior to election because of the time it takes to process the mailed in registrations. He said online registrations decrease the time it takes and adds ease to same day registrations. He said that 38,000 people in Ada County register the same day they vote. He stated the online system will increase the speed and efficiency of the process.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Loertscher** called for a vote to introduce **RS 22600**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Barbieri, Batt, Crane, McMillan, Palmer, Sims** requested that they be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- RS 22795C1:** **Rep. Luker** presented **RS 22795C1**, proposed legislation to formalize the current practice established under Administrative Rule to limit wagering on historic racing terminals to cash or cash vouchers.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 22795C1**.
- Rep. Packer** spoke to the motion stating she has a concern with the legislation because the issue has already been voted against on the House floor this year.
- Rep. Barbieri** spoke **in support** of the motion and stated he will be changing his vote from his original position. He stated it is important for the laws to be consistent.
- Rep. Monks** spoke **in support** of the motion and stated credit card companies in Idaho will sometimes dispute paying charges from gambling or wagering which could cause bigger issues in the state if credit cards and/or debit cards are used.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Loertscher** called for a vote to introduce **RS 22795C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Anderson(1) and Packer** requested that they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Perkins
Secretary