

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 10, 2014

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Johnson, Senators Keough, Winder, Rice, Nonini, Hagedorn, Bock and Buckner-Webb

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Brackett** called the special meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked the secretary to take a silent roll. With a quorum present, **Chairman Brackett** thanked the Committee members for adjusting their schedules in order to participate. He said the meeting should not take very long as the Committee had convened to hear one agenda item, **RS 22855**. He reminded the Committee that today was the last day that Standing Committees could print new legislation.

RS 22855: **Chairman Brackett** asked Senator Hagedorn to take the podium and present **RS 22855**. **Senator Hagedorn** said that this legislation comes from discussions with many military veterans who qualify for the Purple Heart specialty license plate but also carry a wheelchair placard in their cars. They asked if these two license plate designs could be combined into one license plate. He added that not all Purple Heart recipients qualify as disabled. **Senator Hagedorn** said he took this request to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), and they helped draft this legislation. With that, **Senator Hagedorn** said he would stand for questions.

Chairman Brackett reminded the Committee that this was a print hearing and if there were many questions, the members may want to wait for a full hearing of the bill.

Senator Bock raised a concern about some language in the Statement of Purpose (SOP), but said he was not opposed to the legislation. He reminded Senator Hagedorn that the term 'handicapped' had been replaced in statute as 'disability'. **Senator Hagedorn** apologized for the oversight and said he would ensure the SOP was changed to reflect the correct language. There were no further questions for Senator Hagedorn.

MOTION: **Senator Keough** moved that **RS 22855** be sent to the Senate floor for print. **Senator Nonini** seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Brackett** adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Senator Brackett
Chair

Gaye Bennett
Secretary