

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2014

TIME: 9:00 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: Julie Taylor, Blue Cross; Teresa Baker, Idaho Racing Commission/ISP; Frank Lamb, Idaho Racing Commission; Julie Hart, Westerberg and Associates; Russell Westerberg, Westerberg and Associates; Peggy Story Idragan, CDA and Boise Idaho.

Vice Chairman Batt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22649: **Rep. Barrett**, presented **RS 22649**, proposed legislation to repeal Chapter 61, Title 41, Idaho Code relating to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 22649**.

Rep. Anderson(1) spoke to the motion and stated the legislation was the same as **H 418** that is currently in the Ways and Means Committee.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Barrett** stated this legislation was basically the same bill, no significant changes were made.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Anderson(1)** made a motion to return **RS 22649** to the sponsor. He spoke to the motion and stated he is the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and no one has approached him for a hearing on **H 418**.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD RS 22679** in committee for time certain, a period of one week.

Rep. Anderson spoke in favor of the amended substitute motion.

VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Vice Chairman Batt** called for a vote on the amended substitute motion to **HOLD RS 22649** for time certain, a period of one week. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22848: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 22848**, proposed legislation that addresses procedural issues in the election laws of the State. It clarifies who is responsible for carrying out certain duties regarding 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. He stated this legislation will replace **H 444**.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Hurst** stated there was a conflict with the statute in regards to changing a person's party affiliation and this legislation fixes that issue.

MOTION: **Rep. Woodings** made a motion to introduce **RS 22848**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Barbieri, Crane, Holtzclaw, McMillan, and Sims** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

H 400: **Frank Lamb**, Executive Director, Idaho Racing Commission, presented **H 400**, legislation that increases the fiscal year-end balance of the Racing Commission from \$400,000 to \$600,000. He stated there have been issues in the past with testing contestants and the Commission does not operate with General Fund money, they are self-funded.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Lamb** stated the Commission calculated that it would cost \$800,000 to operate for two years. He stated the Commission reduced that amount to \$600,000 due to the Committee's concerns.

MOTION: **Rep. Packer** made a motion to send **H 400** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Andrus and Crane** requested being recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Packer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Perkins
Secretary