MINUTES

HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 18, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M. **PLACE:** Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Collins (Collins), Vice Chairman Wood(35), Representative(s) Barrett,

Moyle, Raybould, Denney, Anderson(31), Anderst, Dayley, Hartgen, Kauffman,

Trujillo, Agidius, Burgoyne, Erpelding, Meline

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Rep. Dayley

GUESTS: None

Vice Chairman Wood(35) called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MOTION: Rep. Raybould made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2014.

Motion carried by voice vote.

H 420: Rep. Sims presented H 420 which is related to the exemption of military retirement

income for Idaho residents, regardless of age. Rep. Sims explained **H 420** was

brought back to the committee due to a recalculation of the fiscal impact.

MOTION: Rep. Moyle made a motion to send H 420 to the floor with a DO PASS

recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Anderson(31), Burgoyne, and Erpeling requested to be recorded as voting NAY. Rep. Sims

will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 22915: Rep. Moyle presented RS 22915. This proposed legislation would reduce

the amount of individual and corporate income tax over time and upon certain conditions being met. Beginning in taxable year 2015, individual and corporate income taxes would be lowered by one tenth of one percent (.10%). Beginning January 1, 2016, the income tax rate in all brackets would be lowered by one tenth of one percent (.10%) in each subsequent year, only when General Fund revenue growth exceeds three percent (3.0%) the preceding year. Reductions will continue

until individual and corporate tax rates equal 6.8%.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Moyle** stated the impact in General Fund revenues does not take into consideration the \$21 million which would be put back into the economy. Subsequent the 2015 tax year, General Fund

revenues would need to be growing in order to realize the tax reduction.

Rep. Moyle stated generally, as income tax rates are reduced, growth in the economy increases, thereby reducing the reliance on federal subsidies. Rep. Moyle stated he questions whether Idaho is 46th in the nation for income taxes, since fees are not included. When the overall tax burden is considered, he believes the cost is much higher. Rep. Moyle said potential businesses look at the current rate of 7.4% and it is a deterrent. When asked if consideration was made to immediately cut the corporate tax rate to 6.9%, Rep. Moyle said since not all businesses are C

Corporations, not all businesses would benefit.

MOTION: Rep. Anderst made a motion to introduce RS 22915, with the correction in the

SOP of the word 'tall' to 'all' in line three. **Motion carried by voice vote**.

RS 22921: Rep. Trujillo presented RS 22921 which makes technical corrections to H 474 and is related to accountability by governmental entities. Rep. Trujillo stated the changes made includes the exclusion of school districts, as they are audited under a different section of Idaho Code and are 100% compliant. Section 1 establishes a central registry in the Legislative Services Office website by January 1, 2016 and the process of budget submission and audit criteria. RS 22921 is also modified to include a section on notification and penalties, for governing entities failing to comply. MOTION: Rep. Anderson(31) made a motion to introduce RS 22921. Motion carried by voice vote. ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am. Representative Wood(35) Kathleen A. Simko Secretary Vice Chair