

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2014
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Sims, Representative(s) Barbieri, Luker, Perry, Clow, Hancey, Harris, Holtzclaw, Horman, Malek, Chew, Kloc, Meline
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Hancey
GUESTS: Mackenzie Herrick, Veritas Advisors; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Kate Haas, Idaho Grain Producers

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

S 1241: **Senator Guthrie** presented **S 1241**. He explained that Idaho currently has areas where public roads go through private lands, and some of these lands are unfenced. **S 1241** would allow landowners who have public roads running through or alongside their properties the option of posting signs where public roads enter private lands, alerting travelers that venturing off the road is trespassing and is not allowed. Signs would also be posted where roads leave private lands, alerting travelers that they are then able to leave the road. Signs would contain the number of miles and would let travelers know whether just one or both sides of the road are private land, or could contain maps showing where the private lands begin and end. This would eliminate the requirement that land owners plant orange posts every 660 feet, because on large tracts of land this can be expensive and requires a great deal of labor.

In response to questions, **Senator Guthrie** said this option would not be required, it would simply be an alternative that land owners could choose to utilize. He said the word "conspicuous" is not clearly defined and is subjective, however this tool is simply optional and not required. If a sign is not readable due to bullet holes, it could require replacement.

MOTION: **Rep. Horman** made a motion to send **S 1241** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Representative Barrett
Chair

Mary Tipps
Secretary