

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 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:** Representative Anderson(1)

**GUESTS:** Sandee Price, 8 Feathers; Bill Roden, CDA Tribe; Helo Hancock, CDA Tribe; Russell Westerberg, CDAR; Jeremy Chou, Givens Pursley; Stan Boyd, TVR; Raeleen Welton, ILBA

**Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting order at 9:31 a.m.

**S 1335:** **Senator Winder** presented **S 1335** to the committee and explained the intent of the legislation is to equalize distilled spirits tasting laws with other tasting laws across the state. He said the legislation would allow distilleries to give out samples of approximately one-fourth of an ounce at no charge to the patron. It also establishes stipulations that the samples must be served by someone 21 years or older and that consumption can only be by those 21 or older. Senator Winder said there are currently eight distilleries in operation in Idaho. He said these distilleries buy Idaho agricultural products and create jobs for the state. He added that 44 other states also allow distilled spirits sampling.

In response to questions, **Senator Winder** stated the distilleries will sell the product to the state then buy it back in order to pay the appropriate taxes on the product set aside for sampling. He added the maximum number of samples that could be consumed in a 24-hour period is three.

In response to questions, **Jeremy Chou**, from Givens Pursley representing 8 Feathers Distillery, explained the language in the bill regarding sampling areas was intended to limit the sampling of distilled spirits to the distillery premises. He also gave examples of the amount of alcohol in the samples and its effect on various body types. He concluded by stating the distillery would be prohibited from selling product of any kind without the appropriate licenses.

**Sandee Price** from the 8 Feathers Distillery testified in support of **S 1335**. She stated additional blood alcohol calculations stated there are eight running distilleries in the state with three more in process of opening. She stated this would allow the distilleries to market their product on their premises and increase business.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to send **S 1335** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Luker** and **Andrus** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 23113:** **Rep. Andrus** presented **RS 23113** to the committee. He stated this Concurrent Resolution would reject two subsections of the pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Racing Commission relating to wagering on historical horse races. He stated what was approved last session by the Legislature is not what is in place this year. He said the purpose of this Resolution is to restore the original intent of the Legislature. He went through the details of the proposed rules being rejected. He said this is not a complete repeal of historical racing but is simply rejecting the changes made in the Pending Rules to the definition of historical racing. He said the words, "also known as instant racing" were added to the definition. This Concurrent Resolution would reject that change in definition and in essence repeal the ability to have instant racing.

In response to questions, **Mr. Bill Roden** representing the Ceour d'Alene Tribe stated if the definition in rule is repealed the definition will still exist in statute and that would allow the historical racing to continue.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Luker** made a motion to introduce **RS 23113**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McMillan** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kaela Becklund  
Secretary