

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014

**TIME:** 9:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representatives Anderson(1), Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Monks, Packer, Smith, Gannon, Woodings

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Andrus, Crane

**GUESTS:** None.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1369:** **Senator Rice** presented **S 1369**, a bill that eliminates a conflict of interest that currently exists for county prosecutors. County prosecutors represent county elected officials in their official capacity and also have responsibility to deal with misconduct by those same county elected officials when they are acting in their official capacity. This bill moves the misconduct authority to the Attorney General and does not include county budgeting oversight.

In response to committee questions, **Senator Rice** stated the Attorney General's office has enough staff to facilitate complaints and investigations regarding misconduct cases throughout the state. He stated the current law prohibits the Attorney General from investigating an elected official unless his office is invited to do so.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to send **S 1369** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SCR 141:** **Senator Nuxoll** presented **SCR 141**, a resolution to recognize the importance of teaching students about the proper role of good governance and the sacrifices made to protect and preserve a free and moral society. To honor and commend the winning essay for the Idaho Patriot Academy authorized by **Miss Harris** in honor of those patriots, both past and present, whose commitment, courage and sacrifice make possible the liberty we cherish as one Nation under God.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **SCR 141** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kasey Perkins  
Secretary