

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES, & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2014
TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Wills, Vice Chairman Luker, Representatives Nielsen, Bolz, Bateman, McMillan, Perry, Sims, Dayley, Horman, Malek, Packer, Trujillo, McDonald, Burgoyne, Meline, Ringo

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Perry

GUESTS: Don Drum, PERSI; Senator Patti Anne Lodge, Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee

Chairman Wills called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

S 1394: **Senator Davis** presented to the committee **S 1394** which would adjust judicial salaries. He said the Courts have asked the legislature to invest in the courts by doing three things: (1) update their technology; (2) shift the management of the judge's retirement funds; and, (3) address compensation of judges. This legislation was drafted to concentrate on the third item, judge's pay, by increasing the overall salaries of the different levels of judges and relieving salary compression. He said the pool of candidates for District Judges is not as large as Magistrate Judges because the salary is only \$5,000 more plus they have to run for election. The provisions in this bill will give more incentive for applicants to the District Judge position.

MOTION: **Rep. McDonald** made a motion to send **S 1394** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Burgoyne invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

Rep. Moyle stated this is an issue needing to be resolved.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Moyle and Wills** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1393: **Senator Lodge** presented to the committee **S 1393** which will create a Criminal Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee. The committee would monitor performance and outcome measures as set forth by the Justice Reinvestment Act. They would make sure the priorities of the framework are continued so the expected savings of \$288 million is reached. She said the committee will also study data driven justice reinvestment, resource allocation, and policies, in order to improve public safety, reduce recidivism, and reduce spending on corrections in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Burgoyne** made a motion to send **S 1393** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Wills** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Patti Tobias, Administrator Director of the Courts, recognized **Rep. Wood(35)** for her honorable service to the courts and her tireless efforts with the highly successful and nationally recognized Wood Pilot Project.

Terry Kirkham, Deputy Chief of the Division of Probation and Parole for the Idaho Department of Correction, presented a plaque and commemorative coin to **Rep. Wood(35)** honoring her years of service. The plaque read, "Certificate of Recognition is Presented to Representative JoAn Wood. In recognition of your leadership, dedication, and commitment, the Idaho Department of Correction wishes to thank you. Your vision for a safer Idaho is being realized in the Wood Project every day. This local treatment delivery system has confirmed the importance of community based-collaboration, has impacted the lives of numerous offenders and their families in District 35, and has made Idaho a greater and safer state." Rep. Woods(35) received a standing ovation from the committee and all guests.

Rep. Wood(35) said nothing has brought her more pleasure than to be involved in these peoples lives. She recognized the many people and agencies who were willing to give a different approach a chance and helped her along the way on this successful project.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Representative Wills
Chair

Francoise Cleveland
Secretary