

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Luker, Vice Chairman Sims, Representatives Barbieri, Perry, Clow, Horman, Malek, Collins, Cheatham, Loertscher, Redman, Kloc, McCrostie, Nye
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Perry
GUESTS: Rep. Harris; Evan Mortimer, ITLA; John Eaton, Andrew Mitzel, Realtors; Elli Brown, Ventas Advisors; Jonathan Parker, Holland & Hart; Colby Cameron, Sullivan & Reberger; Dan Blocksom, Daniel Chadwick, IAC; Brody Aston, Lobby Idaho; Seth Grigg, Association of Idaho Cities.

Chairman Luker called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Luker welcomed the committee and introduced the Secretary and Page. He also discussed how meetings would run and reviewed Committee guidelines. He stated that public testimony is welcomed and should Committee members have questions they should respectfully ask them. Additionally, the Committee members may take information from their folders but are to leave the folders in the rooms. The meeting room will stream audio for all meetings held for the Committee.

Chairman Luker stated that **Rep. Nye** and **Rep. Horman** will review meeting minutes.

RS 23343: **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 23343**, which removes eminent domain authority from Urban Renewal Agencies and requires that eminent domain authority is exercised by an elected body directly responsible to its citizens. The first proposed change is in Section 7-701 which would provide that eminent authority is not authorized by the Urban Renewal Agency, but rather by the local governing body. In Section 50-2002, the words "power of eminent domain and," and "eminent domain" are struck from the body. Section 50-2010, strikes words relating to eminent authority of the Urban Renewal Agency and adds wording to give that authority to a local governing body. In response to questions, **Rep. Harris** said that in the eyes of the governing body nothing changes, however, for any action, agencies will need to get local governing body approval.

MOTION: **Representative Malek** made a motion to introduce **RS 23343**.

In response to questions, **Rep. Harris** said there was no outline of the formal process for the URA to request use of eminent domain by the local governing body in **RS 23343**.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Luker** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 23343**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23344: **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 23344**, which requires that a bond or debt obligation, undertaken by an Urban Renewal Agency, must have approval of the local governing body. In Section 50-2007, a statement is added which gives authority and requests for approval to a local governing body for any long-term debt or bonding for the Urban Renewal Agency. In Section 50-2012, a statement is added which outlines that no bonds or debt obligations may be incurred without approval of a local governing body.

MOTION: **Representative Collins** made a motion to introduce **RS 23344**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dan Chadwick, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), gave an overview of what the organization does and the resources it provides. The overview included information about the IAC's creation and legal structure. governance, staff support, roles, responsibilities and purpose, resources and functions.

Chairman Luker stated that at the start of the meeting, a silent roll was taken and that there were enough people present for a quorum.

Seth Grigg, Executive Director, Association of Idaho Cities (AIC), gave an overview of what the organization does and the resources it provides. The overview included information regarding the AIC's creation and structure, Board of Directors, primary revenue sources, responsibilities and purpose, and challenges it faces.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Representative Luker
Chair

Erin Hutto
Secretary