

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Clow, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Thompson, Batt, Hixon, Kauffman, Monks, Anderst, Beyeler, DeMordaunt, Dixon, Troy, Smith, Rusche, Jordan

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. DeMordaunt

GUESTS: Judy Thueson; Neils Thusson, Mayor of St. Anthony; Tom Jewell, Mayor City of Island Park; John Nielsen, DBS; Steve Keys, DBS; Jeanne Jackson-Heim, Real Estate Commission; Sue Lenon, Board of Accountancy; John Eaton, Realtors; Andrew Mitzel, Realtors; Jason Shaw, Administrative Rules

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Beyeler** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Anderst** made a motion to approve the minutes for the Anderst Subcommittee of January 21, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes for the Kauffman Subcommittee of January 21, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes for the Kauffman Subcommittee of January 22, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Anderst presented to the committee the report of the Anderst Subcommittee on Rules. He stated all dockets reviewed by the committee were recommended for approval except for **Docket No. 10-0103-1401** which is being recommended for rejection.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to approve the report of the Anderst Subcommittee on Rules with the exception of **Docket No. 10-0103-1401** which will be held in committee until the time certain date of February 19th, 2015.

Rep. Crane said he is recommending **Docket No. 10-0103-1401** be held until the corresponding legislation is approved. The agency did not follow proper protocol in submitting this rule change. Pending rules should be issued after law changes.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Kauffman presented to the committee the report of the Kauffman Subcommittee on Rules. He said the entire docket of rules were recommended for approval.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to accept the report of the Kauffman Subcommittee on rules. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23234: **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Building Safety, presented to the committee **RS 23234** which makes changes to statutory provisions governing the licensing of plumbers in Idaho. It would extend the revival period for renewing an expired certificate of competency from one year to two years. This doubles the time a licensee has to reinstate an expired certificate of competency without requiring the individual to retake the examination. The proposal would also establish an inactive status for contractor licenses, allowing a contractor not currently actively engaging in business to keep his license in place without maintaining the required license bond. He said, the proposal establishes a provision for a temporary plumbing contractor license that would only apply in the event a licensed plumbing contractor should die or become incapacitated. It would allow a licensed journeyman to act in a limited capacity to wind down business operations and complete existing projects. This is intended to mitigate the drastic impact on surviving family members and customers of the plumbing business when unforeseen tragedy strikes.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 23234**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23228: **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Building Safety, presented to the committee **RS 23228**, which clarifies that the authority of the administrator extends to entering into agreements with vendors and contractors while also stipulating that the administrator has the authority to make expenditures and purchase goods and services in accordance with the normal governing provisions in Idaho Code. These changes were suggested by legal counsel in the course of the consideration of entering into a cooperative permitting initiative with an outside vendor.

In response to a question, **Mr. Keys** said a division of Home Depot was considering putting into effect a nationwide permitting network. The Division of Building Safety was approached to be a charter member. Legal counsel suggested they should have specific authority before entering into this agreement where in the past it has been inferred.

MOTION: **Rep. Thompson** made a motion to introduce **RS 23228**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Rusche asked **Mr. Keys** to be prepared to discuss how this legislation is needed in Idaho, how it will not disadvantage the local lumber yards and hardware stores, and how it follows the Purchasing Act.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Francoise Cleveland
Secretary