

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 02, 2015
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wills, Bateman, Gestrin, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, King, Rudolph, Wintrow
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Hixon
- GUESTS:** Colin Hickman, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Christine Fisher, ITD; Jerry Deckard, Assoc. Loggers; Roger Seiber, Assoc. Loggers; Mike Chakarun, ISTC; Don Williams, ISTC; Maj. Steve Richardson, ISP; Dave Carlson, AAA
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2015 and January 26, 2015, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23393:** **Jerry Deckard**, representing Associated Loggers, presented **RS 23393** regarding sanitation trucks. He explained this proposed legislation adds the definition for agriculture products to Idaho Code. Previously, a provision for extraneous materials of up to 2,000 pounds on an agriculture truck over gross allowed weight, to be forgiven was placed into Idaho Code. This legislation would allow the same forgiveness to agriculture products including forestry related products.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 23393**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23395:** **Jerry Deckard**, representing Associated Loggers, presented **RS 23395** regarding tire load. This proposed legislation deals only with the steering axle loadings on tires and the steering axle. The requirement for using the manufacture's load rating for the tires is an acceptable methodology for determining the loading of the steering axle tires. It also provides for consideration of the manufacturer's load rating for the steering axle. These two methods of determining the weight allowed on the steering axle do not allow for the steering axle to exceed 20,000 pounds under existing law and with these changes.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 23395**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23405:** **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 23405** regarding an Orofino Maniacs license plate. The Clearwater Community Foundation is requesting approval of this legislation for the students of Joint School District 171. Rep. Shepherd explained the extra funding would help the school go above and beyond what they are able to in difficult financial times. He also explained the school district followed all the correct procedures to make this license plate possible.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to introduce **RS 23405**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 42:** **Michael Chakarun**, ISTC, presented **H 42** regarding fuels tax. Current law states that taxpayers can claim a fuel tax credit on their annual income tax return or submit refund claims on a monthly basis, then reconcile those refund claims on their annual income tax return. The committee agreed that the wording in the Statement of Purpose needed changed, but that the bill was correct.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. Packer made a unanimous consent request to change the wording on the SOP for **H 42**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION:

Rep. Harris made a motion to send **H 42** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 43:

Michael Chakarun, ISTC, presented **H 43** regarding fuels tax and dyed/marked diesel. He said the purpose of this legislation is to simplify the chapter and change the name. It is also to clarify language so the term dyed diesel means diesel dyed or marked at a refinery or terminal to prevent dying not allowed by federal law. This legislation would reorganize and consolidate five separate penalty and violation statutes into two violation statutes and one penalty statute.

Don Williams, Tax Policy Specialist, ISTC, explained to the committee the rules regarding licensing for producing bio fuels and the procedures in place for someone who violates those rules. He said they do not have specific people to do these checks. It is not a dedicated position, but the auditing staff does take care of these rule violations.

MOTION:

Rep. Gestrin made a motion to send **H 43** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 44:

Rep. Kauffman presented **H 44** regarding elk license plates. He explained the funds from the sale of the plate will be used for education on habitat, the value of hunting, hunting ethics, wildlife management, and to promote outdoor skills.

Collin Hickman, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, gave a presentation to the committee about the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF). Mr. Hickman said the RMEF was founded over 30 years ago and is fueled by hunters and a membership of more than 200,000 strong. RMEF has conserved more than 6.4 million acres for elk and other wildlife.

MOTION:

Rep. Monks made a motion to send **H 44** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 55:

Paul Jagosh, Idaho Fraternal Order of Police, presented **H 55** regarding the Officer Disability Act, sunset date. He stated this legislation was designed to create a fund that fills the gap when officers are injured in the line of duty. The purpose of the Peace Officer and Detention Officer Temporary Disability Act is to provide a full salary to employees in certain dangerous occupations whom have been injured on the job.

MOTION:

Rep. Bateman made a motion to send **H 55** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Amber Duke
Secretary