

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES, & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Wills, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Luker, McMillan, Perry, Sims, Malek, Trujillo, McDonald, Cheatham, Kerby, Nate, Scott, Gannon, McCrostie, Nye, Wintrow

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Dave Jones, ITD; Sharon Harrigfeld, IDJC; Teresa Baker, ISP; Marsi Woody, ISP; Maj. Steve Richardson, ISP; Nathan Brown, Times-News; Shoni Pegram, Office of the Governor; Michael Kane, ISA;

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

MOTION: **Rep. Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2015, Dayley Subcommittee meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Wills announced the annual Justice Reinvestment Initiative Commission report is available for the members to review. The report will be included with the minutes. (see attachment 1)

RS 23198: **Major Steve Richardson**, Idaho State Police (ISP), presented **RS 23198**, which would provide the ISP with the clear authority to close or restrict the use of any highway or road in the case of an emergency or for public safety purposes. This proposed legislation would enhance public safety, give the ISP director clear authority, grant legal immunity to ISP officers in the case of an injury due to the road closure, and it would minimize potential delays in closing the road by clarifying the authority of the ISP director.

MOTION: **Rep. McDonald** made a motion to introduce **RS 23198**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23212: **Major Steve Richardson**, Idaho State Police (ISP), presented **RS 23212**, which would provide the ISP with the clear authority to contract with and receive reimbursement from a private party when the ISP provides services to protect the public at a special event or at the request of another governmental agency. Presently ISP is not allowed to contract with a private company or entity to provide certain services. This proposed legislation would grant express authority to the director of ISP to grant a contract to a private entity who is willing to pay for ISP's services. Without a contract ISP is prevented from recouping the cost associated with providing their services.

In response to a question from the committee, **Mr. Richardson**, provided a request from the Idaho Transportation Department to have ISP escort a mega load, as an example of another governmental agency who could request ISP's services.

In response to a question from the committee, **Mr. Richardson** clarified that this proposed legislation would not grant the authority to enforce the law to private entities.

In response to questions from the committee, **Mr. Richardson** explained the funding to fulfill these requests currently comes from the department, the officer often incurs over time and the time spent does go toward the officer's retirement.

In response to a question from the committee, **Mr. Richardson** explained that charging for the services of ISP has been a long standing practice.

MOTION: **Rep. Trujillo** made a motion to **HOLD RS 23212** for time certain, February 11, 2015.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a motion to return **RS 23212** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Director, **Sharon Harrigfeld**, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections presented a department update. The IDJC strives to provide humane, disciplined confinement to juvenile offenders, strengthen opportunities for the juvenile offender's development of competency and life skills, hold juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent behavior, invoke the participation of the juvenile offender's parent or legal guardian, develop efficient and effective juvenile correctional programs, provide a diversity of innovative and effective programs, assist counties in developing meaningful programs for juvenile offenders and provide programs to increase public awareness of the mission of the juvenile corrections system. Ms. Harrigfeld was pleased to report progress in each of these crucial areas as well as the successful implementation of a statewide juvenile offender system that provides real time data for their staff.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM

Representative Wills
Chair

Katie Butcher
Secretary