

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, February 12, 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) Youngblood
- GUESTS:** Jerry Deckard, Assoc. Loggers; Don Williams, ISTC; Roger Seibil, Assoc. Loggers; Daryl Marler, ITD; Garry Takeuchi, ITD; Dave Carlson, AAA; Rex Green, ISIADA; Kevin Hanigan, IADA; Ben Davenport, ATI; Woody Richards
Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23589:** **Rep. Gestrin** presented **RS 23589** regarding off-highway vehicles. All-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, and motorbikes displaying a restricted use license plate, may currently travel upon public roads, streets, and highways. Travel upon State highways is generally not allowed. A state highway within city limits is also a city street. This proposed legislation will allow travel upon a state highway within city limits.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 23589**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23535:** **Rep. Rudolph** presented **RS 23535** regarding liens, labor/materials, and motor vehicles. This proposed legislation puts a requirement back into Idaho Code, relating to labor and material liens on motor vehicles, that was deleted when **H 14** was passed earlier this session. This would require a written estimate of cost before having the right to file a lien against a vehicle.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 23535**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23548:** **Rep. Packer** presented **RS 23548** regarding motor vehicle's place of business. She stated this would allow a motor vehicle dealership to simply post a phone number in his or her building in lieu of maintaining a certain set of hours each week.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 23548**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Palmer** made a unanimous consent request to move **H 69** up on the agenda, because **Rep. Kauffman** was presenting in another committee, and could not present **RS 23508C1** until later. There being no objection, the request was granted.
- H 69:** **Jerry Deckard** from Loggers Association presented **H 69** regarding sanitation trucks. 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 bill allows for the same forgiveness for all agriculture products including forestry related products. **Rep. King** expressed concern with the heavy trucks damaging Idaho roads.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **H 69** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McDonald** and **Rep. King** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Chairman Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 70: **Jerry Deckard** from Loggers Association presented **H 70** regarding tire loads. This legislation deals with the steering axle loadings on tires and the steering axle. This does not allow for the steering axle to exceed 20,000 pounds under existing law and with these changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **H 70** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Youngblood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 23508C1: **Rep. Kauffman** presented **RS 23508C1** regarding gaseous special fuels tax. Operators of motor vehicles powered by gaseous special fuels may purchase a gaseous fuel decal permit, which allows them to pay a flat annual fee at the time of purchase in lieu of paying the equivalent motor fuel tax. This bill will eliminate the gaseous fuel decal thereby requiring these vehicles to pay the tax based on a gasoline energy equivalent. **Rep. Kauffman** stated this bill would make it fair for everyone, and make everyone pay the same tax on their fuel.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 23508C1.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the committee was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Amber Duke
Secretary