

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 02, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representatives Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Bateman, Cheatham, Nielsen, Smith, Jordan, McCrostie, Wintrow

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Justin Ruen, Association of Cities; Kolan Nettinga, IEA; Jeremy Pisca, New TRAC; Pam Eaton, ILRA.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19th and 20th meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23591C3: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 23591C3**, proposed legislation that amends the statute and adds a section to Title 34, Chapter 18 of the Idaho Code clearly identifying the process, time frame and responsibilities for city initiative and referendum.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Hurst** stated the term "practicable" is used throughout the statute. He stated the Court would decide what is practical.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 23591C3**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Nielsen** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 23668: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 23668**, proposed legislation which addresses procedural issues in the election laws of the State. He stated it authorizes the use of electronic poll books, prohibits judicial candidates from running for more than one seat at a single election, addresses the cancellation of an elector's registration for not voting in a 4-year period, and expands the condition of a free recount.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Hurst** stated the legislation is to make sure the statute is in sync with the Idaho Constitution.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 23668**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 23669: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 23669**, proposed legislation that establishes a uniform month in which the annual meeting of the Library District Board shall be held and clarifies when the oath of office shall be administered to new and newly elected board members. He stated the legislation was brought to his office by the Library District Board.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 23669**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23702: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **RS 23702**, proposed legislation that amends the Sunshine Law to more clearly define a "nonbusiness entity" and the entity's requirements, and prohibits contingent fee lobbying of executive officials.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 23702**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23504C2: **Rep. Miller** presented **RS 23504C2**, proposed legislation that authorizes no more than four licenses to be drawn from an existing pool of authorized, but unused, year-round resort licenses. He stated at least eight licenses will remain in the pool for future use. This bill creates a resort city conference center license for conference centers placed in resort cities, as defined in I.C. 50-1044. He said the bill also creates a resort city restaurant license for restaurants in resort cities, as defined in I.C. 50-1044, that have passed an authorizing ordinance. The resort city restaurant license is a restricted license that limits the hours of service for liquor-by-the-drink and requires the majority of restaurant revenue to be derived from food service. He stated some of our resort cities face unique economic development challenges. He said Idaho's liquor laws interfere with the full potential development of our resort communities because the allocation and quota system don't accurately reflect the population base. He stated this bill works within the confines of the current system but seeks to solve multiple problems in a way that lays the foundation for a path toward a comprehensive overhaul of liquor licensing. He stated the bill does not create any new licenses.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Miller** stated there are 12 liquor licenses total, this legislation allows the transfer of 4 which would leave 8 remaining. Kethchum, Driggs and McCall are first in line to use them. He stated the application process for a liquor license would show the business' total income including liquor sales and food sales.

MOTION: **Rep. Sims** made a motion to introduce **RS 23504C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Rep. Palmer** made a unanimous consent request to re-vote on **RS 23591C3**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 23591C3** with the change of striking "as closely as practicably" on page 2, line 36-37. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary