

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015

**TIME:** 8:30 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:** Representative(s) Palmer

**GUESTS:** Rich Hahn, Idaho Power; Michael Richardson, Idaho Climate Think Tank; Robin Nettinga, IEA; Sheila Francis, Idaho Brewers United; Neil Colwell, Auista; Jeremy Pisca, Idaho Beer and Wine Distributors Association.

**Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23rd and 24th, 2015 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 23615:** **Rep. Mendive** presented **RS 23615**, proposed legislation that amends Section 34-439, Idaho Code to insure that all relevant information relating to a bond election is placed on the ballot prior to the location on the ballot where a person casts a vote.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to introduce **RS 23615**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 185:** **Rich Hahn**, Idaho Power Company, presented **H 185**, legislation that addresses electric motor vehicle battery charging. He stated the bill would allow the purchase of electricity from a public utility that is resold to charge the batteries of an electric motor vehicle to be conducted under an Order or Rule of the Public Utilities Commission.

**Michael Richardson**, Idaho Climate Think Tank, spoke **in support** of **H 185** and stated the legislation helps to pave the way for cleaner air in the region. He stated 12 other states have passed similar legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nielsen** made a motion to send **H 185** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Holtzclaw** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 184:** **Jeremy Pisca**, Idaho Beer and Wine Distributors Association, presented **H 184**, legislation that clarifies that self-distribution applies only to beer which is produced by the small brewer, and does not allow a small brewer to distribute beer produced by another brewer. He stated any Idaho brewer who produces fewer than 30,000 barrels can distribute their own beer. He stated a brewer may be licensed as a wholesaler for the sale of beer produced by such brewery regardless of where it is produced.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to send **H 184** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wintrow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 195:** **Rep. Luker** presented **H 195**, legislation that reclassifies low-level misdemeanors to infractions in regards to fireworks violations.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **H 195** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Luker** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kasey Winder  
Secretary