

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 06, 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 Bateman

GUESTS: Sean Brown, Rekluse Motor Sports; Justin Ruen, Association of Idaho Cities.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23777: **Rep. Batt** presented **RS 23777**, proposed legislation that accommodates the premise that industrial equipment is safe, unless determined otherwise by the Electrical Board.

MOTION: **Rep. Nielsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 23777**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 213: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **H 213**, legislation that establishes a uniform month in which the annual meeting of a Library District Board shall be held and clarifies when the oath of office shall be administered to new and newly elected board members.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **H 213** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 214: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **H 214** 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.
Rep. Batt invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that she would be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Nielsen** made a motion to send **H 214** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nielsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 216: **Tim Hurst**, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, presented **H 216** 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 counties will still need to notify people of where to get voter pamphlet information and will do that by newspaper publication before posting the voter pamphlet on the internet.

Justin Ruen, Association of Idaho Cities, spoke **in support** of **H 216** and stated the cost of distributing voter pamphlets has been an issue. This legislation allows the cities to decide if they want to make the information available on the internet.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Ruen** stated this is a very cost efficient way of distributing voter pamphlets. He stated there are multiple ways in which voters are informed in the counties. i.e. copies at City Hall and sent to voters by request as well.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to send **H 216** to General Orders with committee amendments. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary