

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 16, 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:** The sign-in sheets will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of session. Following the end of session, the sign-in sheets will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 6, and 9, 2015 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1030:** **Katharine Gerrity**, Legislative Services Officer, presented **S 1030**, a bill that makes various codifier corrections and technical corrections to the Idaho Code. She explained that in terms of the codifier corrections, the codifier, in compiling the new laws that are passed every year, occasionally finds minor changes that should be made. She stated the bill also proposes to repeal Sections 67-808(a) and 67-808(b), Idaho Code, which have been superseded by other sections of the Code.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to send **S 1030** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 243:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 243**, a bill that provides Idaho residents and law enforcement with clear guidelines on the rights and restrictions contained in the provisions of Idaho Code regulating the carrying of concealed weapons.

**Chairman Loertscher** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Batt**.

**Dakota Moore** was introduced to provide additional testimony. He stated the National Rifle Association (NRA) is the largest and oldest organization relating to firearms. He stated the bill not only lists the NRA but includes any other certified state or national association that has certified firearms instructors to issue instruction for concealed weapons permits. He stated the bill is to help the regulation of conduct regarding carrying concealed weapons.

**Vice Chairman Batt** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Loertscher**.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Moore** stated the issue of carrying concealed weapons within City and/or County limits has been a problem and the bill seeks to clearly define the regulations. He stated the NRA believes concealed carry is a fundamental right. He stated the bill outlines the regulation that a person cannot be breaking the law and carrying a concealed weapon.

**Greg Pruett**, Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, spoke **in opposition** to **H 243** and stated the bill strips rights away from people who currently carry weapons. He stated there are several issues with the bill. **Travis Thompson**, self, spoke **in opposition** to **H 243** and stated the bill removes permit-less carry from a lot of individuals. **Wayne Hoffman**, Idaho Freedom Foundation; **Jeff Wright**, self, spoke **in opposition** to **H 243**.

**Jennifer Landhurs**, Idaho Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, spoke **in opposition** to **H 243** and stated there is an issue in the bill with the term "intimate partner" because it is too vague. She stated the regulations of carrying concealed weapons in and out of city limits is a problem because domestic violence offenders take their victims out of city limits and the bill would allow them to carry a concealed weapon without a license. **Mitchell Jensen**, Treasurer, Idaho Foundation of College Republicans, spoke **in opposition** to **H 243** and stated the bill takes away the rights of elected officials which it should not. **Russ Smerz**, Conservative Leadership Management; **Dan Roberts**, self; **McKay Andress**, self; **Anthony Dephue**, self; and **Seth Rosquist**, self, spoke **in opposition** to **H 243**.

**ADJOURN:** Due to time constraints, **H 243** will be carried over to the meeting of March 16, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kasey Winder  
Secretary