

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, March 16, 2015
- TIME:** 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
- 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) Wills, Monks
- GUESTS:** Rick Just; Caitlin Rusche, IAC; Craig Logan, IECC; Jeff Miles, LHTAC; Laura Lantz, IAHD; Jeff Rosenthal, CEO Idaho Humane Society
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- SCR 102:** **Senator Brackett** presented **SCR 102** regarding the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). The mission of LHTAC is to assist local highway districts and was established 20 years ago. This Concurrent Resolution requests that the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) direct the Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE) to develop a scope of work and oversee an independent evaluation of the operational effectiveness of LHTAC's mission. JLOC would direct an independent consultant; the contractor would report the findings, and conclusions to the members of the committee. This would provide the committee with the knowledge on how LHTAC spends money, and would reassure the state is getting the value from the money spent.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to send **SCR 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Youngblood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1084:** **Roy Eiguren** presented **S 1084** regarding the Support Our Troops license plates. This legislation is an administrative update to statute. The amendments: 1) it clarifies that the proceeds from the plate are used for the benefit of Idaho's service members. 2) It updates the statute to reflect corporate mergers made for efficiency, and 3) makes grammatical corrections. Mr. Eiguren explained to the committee that the corporation is exceeding their minimum base.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **S 1084** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bateman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 192:** **Rep. Kloc** presented **H 192** regarding Pet Friendly license plates. The funds raised from creating this plate would go towards assisting low income families with the cost of spaying/neutering their pets by a local veterinarian. For every \$25, \$13 would go towards roads and bridges, and the other \$12 would go towards spay and neuter programs. This creates a way for people to support local animal shelters.
- Jeff Rosenthal**, Veterinarian and CEO of the Idaho Humane Society, spoke **in support** of **H 192**. He stated every dollar spent on spaying and neutering, saves \$3 in animal control costs.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to send **H 192** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kloc** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Craig Logan, Idaho Emergency Communications Commission (IECC) 911 Program Manager, gave the committee an annual report on the IECC. There are currently 46 public safety answering points (PSAP) in Idaho, 40 are operated by county sheriff's offices, five by cities through their police departments or by contract with another city, and four counties (Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln, and Gooding) are served by a regional PSAP known as SIRCOMM. There are currently two secondary PSAPs in Idaho operated by the Idaho State Police. Mr. Logan gave a brief overview of the Commission's budget.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Amber Duke
Secretary