

MINUTES
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2015
TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Thompson, Vice Chairman Anderst, Representatives Raybould, Hartgen, Vander Woude, Nielsen, Anderson, Mendive, Trujillo, Beyeler, Chaney, Nate, Scott, Smith, Rusche, Jordan, Rubel
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Chaney
GUESTS: None

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Jay Larsen, President, Idaho Technology Department presented to the committee ways Idaho needs to connect with technology and innovation to broaden the talent access pool. With a broader talent pool in Idaho, we will attract more companies proving significant growth and expand the tax base.

In response to questions, **Mr. Larsen** explained that by Idaho selling an intelligent workforce it will attract more start up companies. He said government's role is necessary for structure and tax rates. He also said knowledge helps yield innovated people for all employment fields.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Representative Thompson
Chair

Heidi McKay
Secretary