

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 20, 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) Hixon

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Palmer** put the committee at ease at 1:33 p.m. The agenda was adjusted to allow **S 1120** to be heard before **H 299**. The committee was called back to order at 1:35 p.m.

**S 1120:** **Rep. Packer** presented **S 1120** regarding driver's training course fees. Currently, the \$5 fee retained by paying for a class D driver's license is paid to the driver training account regardless of whether the student is enrolled in driver's training through public school or through a private driving school. This bill would require the \$5 fee is paid to either the driver training account (if the person is taking driver's training from a public school), or the Bureau of Occupational Licenses for deposit in the State Treasury to the credit of the Occupational Licenses Fund (if the person is taking the training from a private driver's training program).

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **S 1120** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 299:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **H 299** regarding transportation fees. This legislation would remove the money from the gas tax that was going to the Idaho State Police, and put it into transportation funding. The trust fund will also receive the revenue produced by a transfer fee of three cents per gallon on the delivery or storage of all petroleum products. The application fee and one cent of every three cents of transfer fees collected will be remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit into the Idaho Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund. The two cents of every three cents of all transfer fees collected will be divided. Sixty percent will go to the state highway account, and 40% will be distributed to the local highway districts. **Rep. Vander Woude** explained how this bill would also increase registration prices. The legislative intent found in this bill states that it is the intent of the legislature that on or before January 1, 2021, there shall be imposed on all commercial vehicles, irrespective of body type, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight in excess of 60,000 pounds, an annual registration fee and an operating fee by weight class based on the total miles the owner operated such vehicle on roads and highways in the state, county, city, and highway district in Idaho each quarter of the calendar year. An electric vehicle fee of \$205 will be collected in addition to all other registration fees, and a hybrid vehicle fee of \$100 will be collected in addition

to all other registration fees. When the budget increases over 4%, by statute 1% of the budget of the total revenue has to go into the budget stabilization account. This takes 1/3 of that money and puts it into the GARVEE debt service account. A gas tax increase to 30 cents per gallon will also be imposed. The total amount expected to be raised for transportation maintenance is \$135 million.

**Dave Butzier**, ACEC; **Stuart Davis**, IAHD; **Seth Grigg**, AIC; **Caitlyn Rusche**, IAC; **Mike Kane**, AAA, all spoke **in support** of **H 299**.

**Brent Olmstead**, Milk Producers of Idaho; **Russ Hendricks**, Idaho Farm Bureau, spoke **in opposition** to **H 299**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **H 299** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE, 14 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Kauffman and Youngblood.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Shepherd, Wills, Bateman, Gestrin, Packer, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, King, Rudolph, Wintrow, and Chairman Palmer.** **Rep. Hixon was absent/excused.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Amber Duke  
Secretary