

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 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: None.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1047: **Sarah Hilderbrand**, State Purchasing Manager, Department of Administration, presented **S 1047**, a bill that alphabetizes definitions in purchasing statute. She stated the bill is in response to agency input received from the Office of Performance Evaluations report ("Strengthening Contract Management in Idaho") and during negotiated rule making.

MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made the motion to send **S 1047** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Luker** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1112: **Senator Davis** presented **S 1112**, a bill that amends Section 59-904 by adding a new subsection (c). He stated the bill determines that a position is vacant when the Governor or other appointing authority does not make an appointment within the timetable of this subsection or other law, or fails to provide documents by the 36th legislative day. He stated the bill authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to seek additional documentation from the Governor or other appointing authority.

In response to committee questions, **Senator Davis** stated the hold over of 12 months is an approximation and in some cases, it could be longer.

MOTION: **Rep. Nielsen** made a motion to send **S 1112** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nielsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 23: **Rep. Malek** presented **HCR 23**, a bill to appoint an interim committee to undertake and complete a study of the purchasing laws of the State of Idaho, including but not limited to the submission and acceptance of bids for goods and services, and to report and make recommendations for changes therein. He stated the cost of the study is not expected to exceed a total of \$10,000. The study will be paid for by the Senate and the House of Representatives from their existing appropriation in the Legislative Account.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Malek** stated the committee is taking a stakeholder stance and looking in from the outside. He said it is important to have a global perspective.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to send **HCR 23** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Malek** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary