

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, March 26, 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:** None
- GUESTS:** Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Jerry Whitehead, ITD; Gerald Tews; Mike Kane, AAA; Brent Olmstead; Phil Homer, IASA
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 and the March 18, 2015, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 310:** **Rep. Monks** presented **H 310** regarding apportionment of transportation. This legislation removes Idaho State Police (ISP) from the Highway Distribution Account funding formula, and changes the formula to a 40/60 split. Forty percent would go to local units of government, and 60% to the State Highway Account. Moving ISP out of the Highway Distribution Account funding formula keeps \$16 million in the Highway Distribution Account. The State Controller will transfer from General Fund collections to the State Highway account in an amount equal to 1/3 of the amount transferred into the Budget Stabilization Fund.
- Rep. McDonald** and **Rep. Wills** both expressed concern for ISP losing part of their budget. There was no guarantee that JFAC had a plan to make sure the ISP received their \$16 million.
- Phil Homer**, Idaho Association of School Administrators and the Idaho Education Association, spoke **in opposition** to **H 310**.
- Rep. Youngblood** stated he is a member of JFAC and carries ISP's budget and cannot support **H 310** as the \$16 million represents close to 25% of their annual budget. He also stated he did not know how we would replace those funds from General Funds.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **H 310** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- ROLL CALL
VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Shepherd, Gestrin, Hixon, Packer, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, and Chairman Palmer. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Wills, Bateman, Kauffman, Youngblood, McDonald, King, Rudolph, Wintrow. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- Chairman Palmer** turned the gavel over to **Vice-Chairman Shepherd**.
- H 312:** **Chairman Palmer** presented **H 312** regarding transportation vehicle fees. This legislation increases the cost of registration on all vehicles registered in the state of Idaho by \$15, and increases registration on motorcycles by \$6. Chairman Palmer explained to the committee his reasoning behind only putting registration increases in this bill. Those reasons were to make it as simple as possible without too many other things added to it.

Gerald Tews representing himself spoke **in support** of **H 312**.

Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho, spoke **in support** of **H 312**.

Vice-Chairman Shepherd turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Palmer**.

MOTION: **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to send **H 312** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Chairman Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Youngblood and **Rep. Kauffman** declared Rule 38.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Amber Duke
Secretary