

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, April 08, 2015
- TIME:** 4:15 p.m. or Upon Recess from Senate Floor
- PLACE:** PRO TEM'S CONFERENCE ROOM
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman McKenzie, Vice Chairman Lodge, Senators Davis, Hill, Winder, Siddoway, Lakey, Stennett and Buckner-Webb
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chairman McKenzie** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 4:25 p.m.
- RS 23962** **A Senate Concurrent Resolution Authorizing the Legislative Council to Appoint a Committee to Undertake and Complete a Study of Broadband Access for the Senate.**
- Senator Lakey** explained that **RS 23962** authorizes the organization of a committee to develop an approach to initiate a broadband network for Idaho schools. It outlines the responsibilities of the committee and emphasizes the potential to have a statewide agreement with the ability to opt out at the local district level. There is a fiscal note not to exceed \$10,000 for basic committee work. If there is a need for a facilitator to develop a request for proposals (RFP), the cost could be approximately \$200,000 which would be paid from the Senate and House Legislative Account or could come out of the Governor's office.
- Senator Stennett** asked how many members would be on the committee. **Senator Lakey** said the Legislative Council would determine the number and membership.
- Senator Hill** shared his concern with \$200,000 coming out of the Legislative Account. **Senator Lakey** said if payment could come from another source, that needed to be specified in the language.
- MOTION:** **Senator Davis** moved to print **RS 23962**. **Senator Hill** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- Chairman McKenzie** said the agenda order would be reversed.
- H 324** **Relating to the Open Meeting Law to Increase Monetary Civil Penalties for Violations of the Open Meeting Law.**
- Representative Bateman** stated that this bill reenacts the provisions of H 155, which was enacted earlier in the Session but was omitted in the new open meeting laws. It puts the changes in H 155 to increase penalties into the new Title 74, Idaho Code.
- MOTION:** **Senator Davis** moved to send **H 324** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- H 328** **Relating to Publication of the Session Laws to Remove Outdated Language Dealing with the Publishing and Distribution of the Session Laws.**

Senator Davis explained that this was a bill on Session Laws adding Section 67-909. The distribution of Session Laws as a duty of the Secretary of State was struck. In addition, there was an emergency clause in the bill that was omitted. The original thought was that it would be fine. However, it wasn't fine and so a concurrent resolution will be sent through because of that omission. Those are the only two changes from the bill that previously passed through the Senate.

Senator Hill confirmed that there is not an emergency clause. **Senator Davis** said it was intentionally removed, it probably should not have been.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Lodge moved to send **H 328** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Chairman McKenzie explained that no action would be taken on the senate concurrent resolution regarding **Docket No. 11-0402-1401**. The Governor's veto on S 1011 negates any action on this rule.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman McKenzie adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Senator McKenzie
Chair

Twyla Melton
Secretary