

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, April 09, 2015

TIME: 9:30 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:** Representative(s) Crane, Palmer

GUESTS: None

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting.

RS 23963: **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 23963**, a concurrent resolution to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of broadband services for Idaho school districts and agencies and to issue a report to the Legislature.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Horman** stated the interim committee would look for the best services for the entire state. She stated the legislation is the result of another bill that leaves the decisions of the statewide network up to the Governor's working group only. She stated this legislation will allow the Legislature to be involved in finding the best resources for all the school districts. She stated the fiscal impact includes the funds to make sure the committee has legal and technical expertise in the decision making process when looking for services.

Jeremy Chou, representing Syringa Networks, spoke **in support** of **RS 23963**.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to introduce **RS 23963** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

Rep. Andrus spoke **in support** of the motion and stated he is not sure how he will vote on the floor because spending more money when a mistake is made is not always the right way to handle problems.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Loertscher** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 23963** and send it to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Loertscher gave special recognition to the Legislative Page, **Preston Moyle**, for the excellent service he provided to the committee the second half of the session. He was presented with a special Resolution thanking him for his dedication and service and bidding him a fond farewell. He also gave special recognition to House Secretary, **Kasey Winder**, for her outstanding service and thanking her for her hard work the past three sessions.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary