

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2016

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: Russ Wheatley, Idaho State Police; Ken Rolins, Idaho State Police/Attorney General.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

RS 24168: **Russell Westerberg**, Idaho Licensed Beverage Association, presented **RS 24168**, proposed legislation that clarifies the definition of the word "person" in Section 23-902(12) and other sections in Title 23, Chapter 9 of the Idaho Code. The new definition was adopted by the Idaho Uniform Commercial Code which is accepted in all states and has been thoroughly vetted through legal casework. He stated the change includes additional legal entities or business organizations that are capable of acquiring or holding a liquor license. He also stated that under the current definition, there could be legal entities otherwise qualified, but technically ineligible to acquire and hold a liquor license because that entity is not included in the current definition of a person. There have been problems with prosecuting complaints of unlicensed persons unlawfully keeping liquor in an unlicensed room or premise in violation of Idaho Code 23-934 because the legal description is not thorough enough.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Westerberg** stated approximately 750 members of the Idaho Licensed Beverage Association as well as Idaho Beverage Control is in agreement with the proposed legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to introduce **RS 24168**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Brandon Hardenbrook, Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER), presented information on cyber security issues that affect the State of Idaho. He stated the main objective of the partnership between PNWER and the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is to develop a comprehensive plan focusing on issues like critical infrastructure related vulnerabilities and risk management, information sharing and legislative and public policy strategic coordination.

Reid Stephen, Chief Information Security Officer, St. Luke's Health System, spoke about the importance of cyber security, better information sharing and uniting efforts on training and prevention.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Stephen** stated there are websites that offer free cyber awareness and training to small businesses. He stated the Informations Security System Association is also a good way for businesses to join discussions, ask questions and build relationships with similar businesses.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary