

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 08, 2016

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

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: Captain Stephen Stokes, Adjutant General's office; Sue Donnellan; Melissa Vanderlin; Karey Neal; David Wallace and Colonel Bruce Wong

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016, January 28, 2016, and February 02, 2016, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Dixon report from the Dixon Subcommittee recommending that all Pending Rules reviewed by the subcommittee be approved by the full committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to approve all the Administrative Rules reviewed by the Dixon Subcommittee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve the Dixon subcommittee minutes of January 25, 2016. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24378: **Rep. Gestrin** presented the **RS 24378**. The purpose of this proposed legislation is to reduce the minimum requirements for specialty plates from 1,000 to 500 plates.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 24378**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Wintrow asked a question pertaining to the 1,000 threshold. **Rep. Gestrin** stated this proposed legislation will not have any fiscal impact.

H 356: **Captain Stephen Stokes**, Attorney Advisor to the Adjutant General, presented **H 356** to the committee. The purpose of this bill is to repeal and amend Idaho Code pertaining to the duties of the Adjutant General as Military Chief of Staff, Director of the Idaho Military Division and to provide the Adjutant General with certain additional duties. He stated that the bill lists the duties of the Adjutant General and Militia and Military Affairs. He explained the four sections of the bill including General Duties, Military Chief of Staff, Head of the Idaho Military Division, and other additional duties. As a result of these updates, this bill will eliminate any future problems.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **H 356** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

In regards of committee question, **Captain Stokes** stated this bill will not have any fiscal impact.

H 355: **Captain Stokes**, Attorney Advisor to the Adjutant General, presented **H 355** to the committee. He summarized the history of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management. He stated the justifications for the name change; corrects general misperceptions, aligns agency name with its functions, and provides distinction between federal DHS and Idaho's state organization.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 355** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Packer inquired about how the agency is recognized on a federal and state level. **Captain Stokes** compared the functions between Office of Emergency Management and Department of Homeland Security.

HCR 28: **Colonel Bruce Wong**, retired Air Force Colonel, presented the **H 28**, recognizing military families. The purpose of this resolution is to recognize the Military Families for the year 2016. He appreciates those who have been placed on the cosponsor list. He would like to thank all that have served and those who have given support. He humbly request that the committee members support this bill.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **HCR 28** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Sue Donnellan self stated her husband, **Tim Donnellan**, serves in the Idaho National Guard. She informed the committee members of her family military background. She expressed her gratitude for those who have served in a military branch. She stated that her family has received a lot of community support. She goes on to say that there are many members of military branches who serve in the state of Idaho. She thanked the committee members for their support.

Melissa Vanderlin self stated her husband is a Sergeant with the Alpha Troop with the 116th Calvary and mentions their family sacrifices. She goes on to talk about the definition of the National Guard. She stated support in a soldier is the bigger picture.

Karey Neal, wife of a veteran, appreciates the community military support. Along with community support, it is great to see our younger members of the community, thank those who serve.

David Wallace, Ada County Highway District, has retired from the Air Force as a Colonel. He has served in the Air Force branch for 25 years and wife has served for 30 years. He stated there have been many sacrifices during both of their careers.

Colonel Bruce Wong thanked the committee for the opportunity to move this bill forward.

Rep. King spoke in her **support** of this legislation. She explained how medical coverage should be changed and is under funded. He stated a need to support the military. She said the VA does a lot to support our military members with mental health and medical coverage.

Rep. Wintrow stated her appreciation for those who came to testify for military support not only for this state but nationally.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a substitute motion to send **HCR 28** to General Orders.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Hixon** withdrew his motion to send **HCR 28** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Substitute Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Holtzclaw** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Vicky Davies
Secretary