

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 02, 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:** Representative(s) Bateman, Nielsen

GUESTS: Dennis Stevenson, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Neil Cowell, Avista Corp.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 26, 29, and March 1, 2016 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24626: **Rep. Batt** presented **RS 24626**, a concurrent resolution that rejects a portion of the Rules Governing Safety and Accident Reporting of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission under IDAPA 31.11.01, removing codified rules Sections 202 and 203, to eliminate duplicative and conflicting language that exists between the Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Building Safety.

MOTION: **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to introduce **RS 24626** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 24598: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 24598**, proposed legislation that eliminates the State's role in setting costs for commercial drivers license (CDL) skills testing. Currently the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) stipulates and collects \$70.00 for CDL skills tests. He stated ITD keeps \$10.00 for administrative purposes and passes along \$60.00 to the private CDL skills organization. This legislation will allow ITD to still receive \$10.00 but ITD will not have to transfer monies to the CDL skills testing organization. He stated the CDL skills testing organizations will be allowed to establish fees as they deem necessary and will allow the free market to determine prices. He stated the legislation will be sent to the Transportation and Defense Committee for a bill hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 24598.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Loertscher turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Batt.**

H 542: **Rep. Chaney** presented **H 542**, a bill that extends the requirement to state clearly who is responsible for the production and distribution of messages made for the purposes of influencing an election relating to races for party precinct committeeman.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Chaney** stated there is a renewed interest in the political area and problems could arise if this legislation is not in place. He stated transparency in politics is important and the legislation supports that idea.

John Duvall, Chairman, Washington County Republican Central Committee, spoke **in support** of **H 542** and stated the legislation is important because it helps to provide transparency and identify entities that might try to influence a precinct election from outside of the county.

MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a motion to send **H 542** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. McCrostie invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Vice Chairman Batt** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 542** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. Roll Call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 4 NAY, 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Reps. Batt, Andrus, Luker, Crane, Holtzclaw, Smith, Jordan, McCrostie and Wintrow. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Sims, Barbieri, McMillan, and Cheatham. Absent/Excused: Reps. Palmer, Bateman and Nielsen. Rep. Chaney** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Batt turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Loertscher**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary