

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 02, 2016

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wills, Gestrin, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, King, Rudolph

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Wintrow, Rep. Bateman

GUESTS: Jonathan Parker, Hollard & Hart; Gustavo Salazar, Idaho Transportation Department; Oscar Klaas, Attorney General

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

S 1246: **Jerry Whitehead**, presented **S 1246** regarding the Director of Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). This legislation summarized the reasons for the Director of ITD to be terminated in section 40-503, Idaho Code. In addition, the Director is an "at-will" employee serves "at-will" of the Idaho Transportation Board. He announced to the committee members that the effective date of these revisions will be upon appointment of future Directors of ITD.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **S 1246** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wills** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1262: **Roy Eiguren**, Eiguren/Ellis, presented **S 1262** regarding "driver reimbursement program". He stated some corporate clients requested a solution for their employees pertaining to personal vehicle reimbursements. The employee reimbursement program fund allocations will be based on the standards of the Internal Revenue Service qualified reimbursement rate. He stated the Driver Reimbursement Program will reimburse the employee for work travel mileage at a lower rate. In addition, the employee's vehicle will receive vehicle maintenance and routine repairs. He stated the benefits of this program for corporate clients and employees. This legislation will be amended to include that certain agreements shall not be considered to be a motor vehicle service contracts or a contract of insurance, In fact, the Idaho Insurance and Attorney General's office acknowledges this program doesn't fall in either a motor vehicle service contract or a contract of insurance. Currently, there are 36 states that recognize this legislation. In conclusion, he stated fleet management vehicles will remain the same under this program.

In answer to committee questions, **Mr. Eiguren** stated that the client will keep track of mileage. He expanded on the reimbursement amounts based on the 10% ratio.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **S 1262** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1261: **Gustavo Salazar**, Idaho Transportation Department, presented **S 1261**. This legislation modifies Section 49-1010, Idaho Code, which allows stinger-steered automobile transporter to set the length maximum to 80 feet. The overhang maximum is 4 feet and the rear cargo overhang maximum is 6 feet. Currently, the 49-1010, Idaho Code, allows for the transporters to have a maximum length of 75 feet.

In answer to committee questions, **Mr. Salazar** stated the front overhang is 4 feet and the rear overhang is 6 feet, anything over 4 feet needs to be flagged either by flags and/or illumination devices.

MOTION: **Rep. McDonald** made a motion to send **S 1261** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McDonald** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Vicky Davies
Secretary