

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 03, 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: Ardie Noyes, Idaho State Racing Commission; Myrm Amsden, Idaho Horse Council; Keith Reynolds, Idaho Horse Council; Dennis Stevenson, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Jay Shaw, OAR; Brad Hunt, OAR; John Jameson, Idaho Horse Council; Stan Boyd, Idaho Horse Council.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

SCR 147: **Rep. Jordan** presented **SCR 147**, a concurrent resolution that honors March 2016 as Women's History Month in Idaho and recognizes the profound economic, cultural and social contributions of women, past and present. She spoke about the courage of women long ago who helped build and protect communities in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **SCR 147** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. He spoke to the motion and stated Idaho has an array of history regarding strong and courageous women. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Jordan** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1298: **Rep. Andrus** presented **S 1298**, a bill that authorizes the Idaho Racing Commission to distribute funds from the Historic Horse Racing proceeds, the paramutuel distribution fund, to the Idaho Horse Council youth programs account. He stated the legislation will only be in force until July 1, 2016.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Andrus** stated the funds will be distributed in one lump sum, a one-time transfer. He stated the authorization to allow the Racing Commission to distribute the funds was an oversight in the drafting of **H 220** in 2013, wherein 3 of the 4 take-out funds were addressed. He stated this legislation closes the loop and allows the funds in the last group to be disbursed.

Steve Taylor, President, Idaho Horse Council, spoke in support of **S 1298** and stated the Idaho Horse Council youth fund is held in a separate account with the Council and will be used especially for youth programs.

MOTION: **Rep. Jordan** made a motion to send **S 1298** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Loertscher put the committee at ease at 9:45 a.m.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting back to order at 9:59 a.m.

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