

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2016

TIME: 9:30 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 (Memcott), McCrostie, Wintrow

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Barbieri

GUESTS: Robert Clements, Regulatory Consulting Services; Bob Dodge, Broken Horn Brewing; Jenny Grunke, Broken Horn Brewing; Jess Harrison, ISBA; Matt Compton, IEA; Kate Haas, Kestrel West/IBU; Collin Rudeen, Boise Brewing/IBU; Rob Landerman, Woodland Empire/IBU; Will Hart, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities; Andrew Mitzel, Realtors.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

SJM 106: **Senator McKenzie** presented **SJM 106**, a joint memorial that requests the U.S. Department of State to listen to and consider input from the Pacific Northwest states on negotiations with respect to the Columbia River Treaty.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to send **SJM 106** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation and stated the states should be included in the negotiation talks. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1325: **Sen. Lakey** presented **S 1325**, a bill that clarifies the right of a private property owner to request a regulatory takings analysis is discretionary. He stated if a private property owner elects not to request a regulatory takings analysis, it does not limit their ability to pursue other legal or equitable remedies regarding the government action pertaining to their property. The legislation also changes "real" property to "private" property.

MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a motion to send **S 1325** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Luker** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 597: **Rep. Dixon** presented **H 597**, a bill that brings breweries into alignment with wineries by allowing minors in tasting rooms at breweries. He stated current code allows them to enter a winery tasting room but does not account for breweries. He stated craft brewing is a new and growing industry and many people are interested in the brewing process, most breweries offer tours of the breweries.

Robert Clements, Regulatory Consulting Services, spoke in support of **H 597** and stated he spoke with **Russ Wheatley**, Bureau Chief, Idaho Alcohol Beverage Control, and he had no objection to the legislation. He also stated most breweries are primarily brewing establishments, not drinking establishments.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Clements** stated most people who tour breweries don't hop from brewery to brewery. He stated the allocation will help the local economy and he doesn't see any public safety hazards.

In response to committee questions, **Kate Haas**, Idaho Brewers United, stated she spoke to **Russ Wheatley** last week and he said he was going to be out of town during the hearing.

Collin Rudeen, Boise Brewing/Idaho Brewers United, spoke in support of **H 597** and stated breweries should be on the same level as wineries. He stated a brewery is much different than a bar because they specialize in the craft of brewing and they allow the public to tour the breweries so they can appreciate the art of brewing.

MOTION: **Rep. Sims** made a motion to send **H 597** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Andrus spoke in opposition to the motion and stated children shouldn't be allowed around alcohol.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A roll call vote was requested on the motion to send **H 597** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE, 6 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Batt, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Cheatham, Smith and McCrostie.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Reps. Andrus, Bateman, Nielsen, Jordan (Memcott) and Wintrow.** Absent/Excused: **Rep. Barbieri.** **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 24675C1: **Rep. McCrostie** presented **RS 24675C1**, proposed legislation that increases transparency in school district measure elections, including bonds, levies and recalls. He stated the bill applies existing code language regarding school district trustee elections and applies it to all school district elections including school district measure elections.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to introduce **RS 24675C1**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Nielsen** made a substitute motion to return **RS 24675C1** to the sponsor and stated he wanted more information.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Chairman Loertscher** called for a vote on the substitute motion to return **RS 24675C1** to the sponsor. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Loertscher** called for a vote on the original motion to introduce **RS 24675C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary