

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 18, 2016

TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment of the Floor Session

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Rudolph, Youngblood, Bateman, Wills

GUESTS: Skip Smyser, ITA; Jonathan Packer, IAHA

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Palmer** made an unanimous consent to request to concur with amendments made in the Senate to **H 513aa,aaS**. The Senate amended this legislation; deleted the word "security" and the word "and". There being no objection, the request was granted.

MOTION: **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 08, 2016, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Gestrin** made an unanimous consent to reconsider **H 559** in committee. He stated this legislation will eliminate Idaho Transportation Department's role with setting CDL skills test fees. He stated this legislation will let the "open market" work. He was unable to vote due to a presentation in the Senate. There being no objection, the request was granted. He said several committee members were not present for the vote, this will give committee members another opportunity to vote on this legislation.

H 559: **Rep. Monks** had presented **H 559** on March 10, 2016.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 559** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Chairman Palmer clarified the vote on March 10, 2016 and the purpose of the bill. The bill allows the CDL Testers to determine the service cost. **Rep. Kauffman** stated his concern was the competitive side of the testers to have a free market. He stated he would prefer to have ITD assign the service cost due to possible competitive issues. **Rep. Gestrin** stated, due to the low revenue amount of providing this service; companies will be reluctant to become CDL Testers. **Rep. Kauffman** stated the presenter during the March 10, 2016 meeting could clarify the management aspects of the CDL Skills Test, such as policies and bookkeeping. **Rep. Wintrow** explained the controversy over the competitive side of this legislation which is the service fee being equal throughout the state. **Rep. King** stated **Rep. Wills** mentioned that the feasibility to operate a CDL Skills Test company might be an issue.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. King** made an substitute motion to **HOLD H 559** for a time certain. This will allow all committee members to be present for this vote.

Rep. Monks compared the CDL Skills Test to the driver license process.

In answer to committee questions, **Debra Hall**, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), summarized the CDL Skills Test fund allocation; testers receive 17.50 and the department receives 6.50 for a total of 24.00 dollars. She stated the time it takes to complete the CDL Skills Test is about a half-hour to one hour. Furthermore, she stated some people prefer to take driver's education through public school for commercial drivers.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Motion failed by voice vote.

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Wintrow and Rep. King requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Vicky Davies
Secretary