

MINUTES
HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 01, 2017

TIME: 1:31 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Luker, Vice Chairman Malek, Representatives Perry, Dayley, Trujillo, McDonald, Cheatham, Kerby, Nate, Chaney, Amador, Hanks, Zito, Zollinger, Gannon, McCrostie, Wintrow

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Barry Wood, ISC; Jim Arnold, ISC; Sara Thomas, ISC; Jon Burnham, SOMB; Kathy Baird, SOMB; Aileen Lucas, SOMB; Nancy Volle, SOMB

Chairman Luker called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

Jared Hoskins, Budget Analysis for Legislative Services Office provided an update on the Judicial Branch Budget, providing an overview of the court operations, Guardian Adlitem program, judicial counsel, and all standard maintenance adjustments that occurred.

In response to questions, **Mr. Hoskins** clarified some funding goes toward recruitment, training, advertising and back ground checks for employees. In response to a question regarding judges pay increase for the year, Mr. Hoskins said it is comparable, if not lower than other states.

RS 25050C1: **Rep. Luker** presented **RS 25050C1**. This proposed legislation amends Section 12-121 of Idaho Code regarding the award of attorney fees in civil cases. The proposed amendment restores the rule existing before the Supreme Court ruling in the Hoffer case of awarding attorney fees when cases are brought, pursued or defended frivolously, unreasonably, or without foundation.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 25050C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Jon Burnham, Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) presented an update on their functions working with the Idaho Department of Correction and what they have accomplished over the year. SOMB is developing changes in the coming year on refining the quality assurance process and a multi-level risk-based sexual offender registrations system.

In response to questions, **Mr. Burnham** advised that SOMB does not have any upcoming legislation this year.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 P.M.

Representative Luker
Chair

Heidi McKay
Secretary