

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 06, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott, Smith, Jordan

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

GUESTS: Brad Richy, Idaho Office of Emergency Management.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Armstrong** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Lt. Governor Brad Little, presented information about **Executive Order 2015-07**, which established the Idaho Cybersecurity Task Force to detect and identify threats and vulnerabilities in state government networks. The Task Force is directed to make recommendations on best practices to manage and reduce cyber risks. The Task Force have met with national experts, business and industry experts and counterparts in other states to understand best practices in cybersecurity.

Zach Tudor, Associate Laboratory Director, National & Homeland Security, Idaho National Laboratory (INL), presented information regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure capabilities. He stated the INL is a global leader in control systems for critical infrastructure protection and national security. He stated the INL's mission is to discover, demonstrate, and secure innovative nuclear energy solutions, other clean energy options, and critical infrastructure.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Tudor** stated there are many resources for the public and small business owners for cybersecurity. He stated trade associations provide information as well.

Dick Garlish, General Manager, Compliance Risk and Security, Idaho Power, presented information on cyber challenges facing the industry. He stated Idaho Power has many tools to detect breaches in cybersecurity. Since 2011, Idaho Power has invested more than \$13 million in cybersecurity.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Garlish** stated the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security handles prosecution of cybercrimes. He stated the key to cybersecurity is cyber hygiene, being aware of website links, and unknown email senders from either individual people or different countries. He stated the Department of Homeland Security website has many resources for the public as well.

Lt. Governor Brad Little was recognized to provide closing testimony. He stated the new director of the INL will establish and organize all dealings of the Task Force, including designating a rapid response team if they see fit.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary