

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 07, 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:** None

GUESTS: Gene Fadness, Idaho Public Utilities Commission; Becky Schroeder, Idaho Lottery; Jeff Anderson, Idaho Lottery.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Kjellander, Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC), spoke about the new area code change coming to Idaho. He stated in 2001, the 208 area code was about to exhaust. The PUC pulled numbers back from 2001-2013 to extend the usage of 208 but recently they are exhausting again. He stated the problem is that almost every person has a cell phone nowadays, plus numbers are used for communication between machines, and alarm systems. He stated the new area code will be 986 and will start being used by August. He said the PUC website has information on the transition which is easy to follow.

Chairman Loertscher turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Monks**.

Chairman Loertscher spoke to the committee about the rules change last year to **JR 18**. He stated it is imperative that whomever drafts new legislation is using concise language for the statement of purpose and the fiscal impact needs to include an explanation of why the legislation will or will not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund, as well as, state and local governments.

H 57: **Chairman Loertscher** presented **H 57**, a bill that clarifies that major procurements undertaken by the State Lottery Commission must be done in compliance with Idaho Code and the Idaho State Constitution. He stated the Lottery Commission would not fall under the management of the Department of Administration.

In response to committee questions, **Chairman Loertscher** stated the Lottery Commission has not been subject to the procurement laws passed in 2016.

Jeff Anderson, Director, Idaho Lottery Commission, stated the Lottery Commission follows procurement practices that are in accordance with the statutes and the Idaho Constitution. He stated the additional language in the bill is unnecessary. He stated there are only three vendors in Idaho that bid on these types of games.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 57** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE and 4 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Reps. Monks, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Harris, Scott, Armstrong, Zito and Jordan.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Barbieri, Giddings, Manwaring and Smith.** **Chairman Loertscher** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary