

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 09, 2017

**TIME:** 9:30 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:** Dustin Hurst, Idaho Freedom; Christal Canada, Verizon; Travis Griffin, Verizon; Mike Kane, Idaho Sheriff's Association; Mark Estes, Verizon; Hannah Sharp, Moms Demand Action; Nick Veldhouse, Idaho Association of Highway Districts.

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

**Mark Estes**, representing Verizon, gave a short introduction to the presenters.

**Christal Canada**, Verizon, gave a presentation regarding small cell technology. She stated 48% of the American household are wireless only and the need for data is rising significantly.

**Travis Griffin**, Verizon, spoke about the planning and design of small cells and macros. He stated small cells are hot spots to help people connect. He stated there is an enhanced community need for emergency services, high speed connection is very important.

**RS 25155:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 25155**, proposed legislation that prevents public funds, resources and or property from being used to influence the outcome at the ballot box.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25155. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 79:** **Mike Kane**, Idaho Sheriff's Association, presented **H 79**, a bill to amend the law relating to felons who may possess firearms. The current law makes it clear that the worst kind of felons (murder, rape, kidnapping, drug dealing, sex crimes) cannot possess firearms, even after they are discharged from their sentences. Missing from the list of criminal offenses in the current law are crimes that have been created since the original passage of the law, or crimes that were not originally considered but are crimes committed by organized criminals, terrorists, and criminal gang members. This legislation adds these serious felonies to the current law.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Kane** stated most states handle restoration of rights in the same manner but some states don't allow rights to be restored at all.

**Hannah Sharp**, Moms Demand Action, spoke **in support of H 79** and stated the legislation should be passed in the interest of public safety.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Giddings** made a motion to send **H 79** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Scott and Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Giddings** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- H 104:** **Rep. Kauffman** presented **H 104**, a bill that provides an exemption for exhibition-style live dog races or the training of dogs to compete in exhibition-style dog races, conducted at county fairs and upon which no pari-mutual betting occurs and the track length is limited.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to send **H 104** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kasey Winder  
Secretary