

MINUTES  
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Perry, Vice Chairman Redman, Representatives Luker, Barbieri, Clow, Collins, Blanksma, Giddings, Kingsley (Lohman), Manwaring, Zollinger, Chew (Gill), McCrostie

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Barbieri

**GUESTS:** Jerry Mason, Association of Idaho Cities; Amber Pence, City of Boise; Miguel Legarreta, Associated Taxpayers

**Chairman Perry** called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Perry** introduced the Committee's new page, **Rebecca Arreola**. She will be working for the Committee during the second half of the session. Chairman Perry also introduced substitute **Reps. Gill** and **Lohman**.

**H 130:** **Jerry Mason**, Idaho Association of Cities, presented **H 130**, which updates and streamlines City Treasurer practices. A citizen complaint prompted the realization that a number of cities were not in compliance with statute for their treasurers, which prompted these changes. Treasurers must still produce monthly and quarterly reports, but the quarterly report may now be posted online. The monthly financial report is now required to be included on the city council's agenda, but the deadline for both monthly and quarterly reports have been extended to within 30 days of the end of the month. Receipts are not required to be given for every transaction, nor does the treasurer need to include a statement of all receipts and disbursements in the monthly report, but all credit and debit details must be available to the mayor or city council. Mr. Mason summarized the changes as a modernization of practices to provide public accountability and ensure the city's governing board is informed, while making sure procedures are workable in today's world.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Mason** noted there is no language in the bill to regulate compliance, but expressed his confidence the new, streamlined regulations would now be possible to comply with, unlike the previous language. He also stated he had not received any complaints from the newspaper industry regarding the option for online publication of the quarterly report. He noted many cities do not have active websites where the report could be published, so many small newspapers would likely not be affected.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 130** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Malek** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 pm.

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Representative Perry  
Chair

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Erica McGinnis  
Secretary