

MINUTES  
**HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

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

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Collins, Vice Chairman Trujillo, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Anderst, Dayley, Hartgen, Kauffman, Chaney, Nate, Thompson, Gestrin, Stevenson, Troy, Erpelding (Gugino), Gannon

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Patrick Hodges, Christine Stoll, Ideal - Idaho College Savings; Michael Ryan, Associated Students University of Idaho; Kelli Brassfield, Teresa Baker, Idaho Association of Counties; Amber Pence, City of Boise; Larry Maneely, Ada County; John Watts, Idaho Chamber Alliance; Tim Hill, SDE; Arlen Wittrack, ON Semiconductor; Miguel Legarreta, ATI; Megan Ronk, Idaho Department of Commerce

**Chairman Collins** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Anderst** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 7th, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of Friday, February 10th, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the minutes from Tuesday, February 14th, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25297:** **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 25297** concerning flat fees. She explained the legislation is supported by the Idaho Land Title Association, the Idaho Association of Realtors, and others.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Anderst** made a motion to introduce **RS 25297**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25319:** **Rep. Moyle** presented **RS 25319** concerning forgone balances. The proposed legislation is an altered version of **H 103** which has been changed to increase clarity in the language regarding the actions that can be taken on forgone balance amounts.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nate** made a motion to introduce **RS 25319** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 25040:** **Rep. Moyle** presented **RS 25040** concerning precious metals. The proposed legislation would make exempt precious metals bullion from capital gains tax.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Anderst** made a motion to introduce **RS 25040**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 192:** **Rep. Moyle** presented **H 192** concerning tax exemptions for qualified projects. The legislation increases project eligibility and lowers the threshold to \$500,000.

**John Watts**, Idaho Chamber Alliance, spoke **in support** of **H 192** because it simplifies the process for qualification, is friendly to the public, and will improve the technical education in Idaho.

**Arlen Wittrack**, ON Semiconductor, spoke **in support** of the **H 192** because it is a positive investment in Idaho communities and increases Idaho competitiveness.

**Megan Ronk**, Director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, spoke **in support** of **H 192** because economic development is extremely competitive between states and the legislation is important for helping rural communities remain competitive with neighboring areas in other states. **Rep. Gannon** stated that the legislation could further focus on rural communities.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **H 192** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to send **H 192** to General Orders.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Anderst** requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion. **Motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE, 14 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Gugino and Gannon. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Trujillo, Moyle, Raybould, Anderst, Dayley, Hartgen, Kauffman, Chaney, Nate, Thompson, Gestrin, Stevenson, Troy, Collins.**

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gugino and Gannon** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 185:** **Rep. Troy** presented **H 185** concerning college savings. The legislation would create a \$6,000 tax deduction to help citizens meet their college savings goals and is intended to increase the amount of Idahoans pursuing an education.

**Christy Stoll**, Executive Director of the Idaho Savings Program, spoke **in support** of **H 185**. She presented information illustrating the details of the Idaho Savings Program and provided figures demonstrating how the proposed legislation would ultimately help Idahoans pursue an education for themselves and for their children.

**Michael Ryan**, Associated Students at University of Idaho, spoke **in support** of the bill because the students that he has talked to view it as a necessity and would help make Idaho academically competitive.

**MOTION:** **Rep Thompson** made a motion to send **H 185** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Nate** requested that he be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

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Representative Collins  
Chair

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Fred Swanstrum  
Secretary