

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 08, 2017

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Siddoway, Vice Chairman Hagedorn, Senators Davis, Hill, Winder, Lodge, Stennett, and Buckner-Webb

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Lakey

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Siddoway** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:01 a.m.

RS 25382 **Unanimous Consent Request for the Education Committee Relating to Higher Education to provide for the transferability of certain career technical education credits.** (Senator Burgoyne)

RS 25451 **Unanimous Consent Request for the Education Committee Relating to Schools to add a new section to authorize school improvement programs.** (Senator Mortimer)

RS 25461 **Unanimous Consent Request for the Education Committee Relating to career technical education.** (Senator Mortimer)

RS 25201 **Unanimous Consent Request for the Education Committee Relating to rejection of a certain rule.** (Senator Thayn)

RS 25202 **Unanimous Consent Request for the Education Committee Relating to rejection of a certain rule.** (Senator Thayn)

RS 25463 **Unanimous Consent Request for the Education Committee Relating to rejection of a certain rule.** (Senator Thayn)

MOTION: **Senator Lodge** moved to send **RS 25382, RS 25451, RS 25461, RS 25201, RS 25202** and **RS 25463** to print. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 25464 **Unanimous Consent Request for the Commerce and Human Resource Committee relating to the Idaho Individual High Risk Reinsurance Pool.** (Senator Patrick/Rep. Cameron).

MOTION: **Senator Hagedorn** moved to send **RS 25464** to print. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 25411 **Relating to Warrants to revise procedures when a warrant is lost or destroyed.** **Senator Winder** noted the Controller's Office had requested the proposed legislation be heard during the 2017 legislative session.

MOTION: **Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 25411** to print. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 188 **Relating to Campaign Finance Disclosures to provide for the electronic or online filing of campaign finance reports.**

Chad Houck, Director of Special Projects, Office of the Secretary of State, presented **H 188** amending Sunshine filings. **Mr. Houck** said the bill would require filing of all Sunshine reports with the Secretary of State in an online format and would give the Secretary of State discretion to grant a hardship waiver. He said the bill also creates a lesser requirement for electronic submission, which means by fax or email for smaller jurisdictions such as county clerks, city clerks, and clerks for special districts.

Mr. Houck explained the rationale for the proposed legislation and noted there may be a small, positive fiscal impact by allowing more efficiency in statement reconciliations.

Senator Stennett asked for an example of a hardship waiver. **Mr. Houck** said it could be someone with no means to digitize their documents. **Senator Stennett** asked how such a person would receive the information about hardship waivers. **Mr. Houck** replied that training journals and booklets, published during an election cycle, provide that information.

MOTION: **Senator Hagedorn** moved to send **H 188** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 193 **Relating to the Secretary of State to provide that records may be delivered to a person by electronic transmission.**

Mr. Houck presented **H 193**, which amends I.C. § 30-21-212 to explicitly allow for delivery of records by the Secretary of State via electronic transmission. **Mr. Houck** explained that statutes exist to pave the way for inbound submission of electronic documents to the Secretary of State, but do not exist for outbound electronic responses by the Secretary of State. This legislation will bring consistency by adding the outbound statute.

MOTION: **Senator Hagedorn** moved to send **H 193** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 203 **Relating to the Secretary of State to authorize the creation of an electronic filing system within the Office of the Secretary of State and to exempt the disclosure of certain personal information of the user of the electronic filing system from the Public Records Law.**

Mr. Houck presented the rationale for **H 203**, which amends the duties of the Secretary of State to add a specific exemption to the Idaho Public Records Act to protect personal information from public records requests. **Mr. Houck** explained the Idaho Technology Authority has published policies that are intended to protect and secure the information, but he said policies are not statutory requirements, which have not been found in existing statute.

Senator Hill asked if the bill will protect information that is already in existence. **Mr. Houck** referred to the proposed bill, **H 193**, which allows for the electronic collection of records. These records have not yet been collected because the system does not currently exist. He said it is the intent to create a "box" for the new information, which would be exempt from public records.

Senator Hagedorn asked for clarification on existing information versus the newly collected information, and which would be public and non-public. **Mr. Houck** explained to Senator Hagedorn's satisfaction the difference between the databases.

MOTION: **Senator Hagedorn** moved to send **H 203** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

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APPROVAL:**

Senator Winder moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2017. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Senator Lodge moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017. **Senator Hagedorn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

Being no further business at this time, **Chairman Siddoway** adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Senator Siddoway
Chair

Twyla Melton, Secretary

Jeanne' Clayton, Assistant
Secretary