

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 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:** Representative Smith

GUESTS: Keith Watts, IPPA/City of Meridian; Bob Perkins, IPPA/Ada County; Justin Ruen, Association of Cities; Larry Maneely, Ada County; Skip Smyser, Idaho Press Club.

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

S 1074aa: **Senator Den-Hartog** presented **S 1074aa**, a bill that modifies and updates the procurement statutes related to political subdivisions. Modifications include changes to dollar threshold amounts for both informal and formal bid processes, a change in the delegation of procurement authority for County Commissioners, and exemption and bonding changes related to some types of public works projects.

Keith Watts, IPPA, City of Meridian, gave a detailed outline of the contents of the bill which focuses on three procurement areas: 1) Delegation of Authority- which allows the County Commissioners to delegate procurement authority should they want to do so; cities and taxing districts have authority to delegate; 2) Modifications to political subdivision service and property procurement statutes- Dollar threshold exclusion \$50,000; informal bid: \$50,000 to \$100,000; formal bid: \$100,000 and above; inclusion of designee to open, award, or reject bids; addition of exclusions 3) Modifications to public works statutes- \$50,000 Bright Line for public works; exemption and bonding: \$50,000; informal bid: \$50,000 to \$200,000; formal bid: \$200,000 and above; inclusion of designee to open, award, or reject bids.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **S 1074aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

H 273: **Chairman Loertscher** presented **H 273**, a bill that amends existing law to revise the definition of "public agency." He stated the Idaho Open Meetings Law applies to all public agencies of state and local government that are created by statute. However, the Law does not apply to the 28 public agencies established by Executive Order of the Governor. The legislation applies the Law to all public agencies established by Executive Order.

Skip Smyser, representing Idaho Press Club, spoke **in support** of **H 273**.

MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a motion to send **H 273** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Several committee members agreed the legislation is needed to ensure transparency within government.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Monks** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 273** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **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 9:30 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary