

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018

**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 (Wolf)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Maria Kenneby, ACLU, Edelene Ohman, STO, Laura Steffler, STO.  
**Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**RS 25792:** **Edelene Ohman**, Director of Investments, Treasurer's Office, presented **RS 25792**. This proposed legislation, by replacing the word "controlled" with "Domiciled", further clarifies that to invest in a corporate bond, the Treasurer requires a corporation's jurisdiction and venue for the legal process to be in the United States.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Luker** made a motion to introduce **RS 25792**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25790:** **Edelene Ohman**, Director of Investments, Treasurer's Office, presented **RS 25790**. This proposed legislation would change the date that the Credit Rating Enhancement Committee's annual report is due to the governor and the legislature to December 1 (currently August 1). This date change would allow the time needed to prepare the report and have a committee meeting, if needed, in advance of report issuance. Currently, the one month window is too short to facilitate both report preparation and a committee meeting between the end of the fiscal year and August 1. The December 1 date would allow time for the legislature to review in advance of the upcoming legislative session.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 25790**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25833:** **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 25833**. This proposed legislation will repeal the Unfair Sale Act, Chapter 4, Title 48, Idaho Code. This depression-era statute became law in 1939 and, with limited exceptions, required merchandise to be marked-up over cost by a minimum, statutorily-set amount. Today, it is common for merchants to offer their wares at or below cost as an inducement to patronize the merchandiser and purchase other goods. Other merchants, such as grocery stores, commonly set prices at very low margins, making their profits through high volume. Although the law is generally not enforced, its violation is a misdemeanor carrying fines and jail time. As the enforcement of such a price-fixing scheme would harm consumers and reduce competition, this Act should be repealed.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25833**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Jayne Feik Spinato  
Secretary