

MINUTES  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

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

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**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 8:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

**VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:** **The reappointment of Richelle Sugiyama to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board.**

**MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial reappointment of Richelle Sugiyama to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board to the Senate floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Hagedorn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Stennett will be the floor sponsor.

**VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:** **The appointment of Gavin Gee to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board.**

**MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Gavin Gee to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board to the Senate floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Hill** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Winder will be the floor sponsor.

**VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:** **The appointment of Gavin Gee to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board.**

**MOTION:** **Senator Buckner-Webb** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Gavin Gee to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board to the Senate with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Hill will be the floor sponsor.

**RS 25865 RELATING TO ELECTIONS to revise the minimum age for a student to be appointed to an election board.**

**Chairman Siddoway** welcomed Kelli Brassfield to present **RS 25865** and **RS 25887**.

**Kelli Brassfield** stated she is with the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) to present **RS 25865**. This legislation reduces the age of students permitted to work at the election polls from 17 to 16 years of age. That change will broaden

the base for poll workers and will allow students to gain more experience with elections. **Ms. Brassfield** asked that **RS 25865** be introduced for printing.

**Senator Hagedorn** commented that, in his experience, it is difficult to find people to help facilitate elections. He noted that high school students would be of help.

**MOTION:** **Senator Hagedorn** moved to send **RS 25865** to print. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 25887** **RELATING TO ELECTIONS to provide for the submission and approval of an early voting plan.**

**Kelli Brassfield**, IAC, explained that the counties are required to file a Ballot Security Plan with the Secretary of State (SOS) for each county holding early voting. This has the potential for there to be four plans per year. This legislation would permit the filing of one plan per year. Any change would require filing a modified plan. **Ms. Brassfield** asked that **RS 25887** be introduced for printing.

**Senator Winder** asked for an explanation of what is meant by "security" in this context. **Ms. Brassfield** said that an early voting Ballot Security Plan would be submitted to the SOS and would detail the exact process, poll locations, equipment, and systems to be used within the county, so that IAC and the SOS would be informed as to the precise process.

**MOTION:** **Senator Anthon** moved to send **RS 25887** to print. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**S 1214** **RELATING TO STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES to revise language regarding state veterans cemeteries and make technical corrections.**

**Tracy Schaner**, Deputy Administrator of the Idaho Division of Veteran Services, said she is presenting **S 1214** for the potential establishment of a second cemetery to be located in Blackfoot, Idaho. The bill contains simple amendments and technical corrections to Idaho Code §§ 54-1114, 65-108, 64-202, and 65-204. As proposed, these technical corrections will provide proper reference for one or multiple State veterans cemeteries.

Recently, the Veterans Cemetery Grants Program (Program) released the FY2018 pending projects. Based on the initial priorities list, Idaho currently ranks number 27 out of 105 pre-applications. It is expected that the Program will fund up to number 19 on the priority list, although some states may defer the funding opportunity. James Earps, Cemetery Director, Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, remains in close contact with the Program. Idaho will have a grant opportunity if there are no deferments in October 2018. Substantial progress has been made in the completion of all required documents, including master planning and the completion of the master schematic design. Idaho is in a strong position to accept and proceed with the grant opportunity once it is offered. **Ms. Schaner** asked that **S 1214** be approved as presented.

**MOTION:** **Senator Hagedorn** stated that it was fortunate that the Veterans Recognition Fund was able to make the down payment on the land. **Senator Hagedorn** moved to send **S 1214** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senator Hagedorn** will be the floor sponsor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, **Chairman Siddoway** adjourned the meeting at 8:14 a.m.

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Senator Siddoway, Chair

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Twyla Melton, Secretary