

MINUTES  
**HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 25, 2018

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Holtzclaw, Horman, Packer, Redman, Kingsley, Moon, Syme, Scott, King, Chew

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Barry Miller, Div. of Public Works; Dave Taylor, Deputy Director, Jennifer Hannah, Dept. of Health & Welfare; Matt Warnick, Div. of Financial Management

**Chairman Hartgen** called the meeting to order at 1:31PM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. King** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25722:** **Mr. Mark Warbis**, Communications Director and Senior Special Assistant for Economic Development, Office of the Governor explained the proposed legislation was to amend Title 72 of Idaho Code, specifically sections 72-1333, 72-1347A, and 72-1348, and add a new chapter 12. It would also repeal sections 72-1366, 72-1336A, 72-13345A, and 72-1347B.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce **RS 25722.**

In response to questions from the committee, **Mr. Warbis** said the Workforce Development Council will be housed in the Governor's Office to better ensure the inclusion of all stakeholders from K-12 through Colleges, and to cover all the agencies involved across the state as well as representatives of large urban areas and small rural areas. He yielded a question to **Mr. Matt Warnick** from the Division of Financial Management, who explained the numbers for the fiscal impact for the committee.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25639:** **Mr. Dave Taylor**, Deputy Director of the Dept. of Health and Welfare, explained the proposed legislation would make medical directors for State Hospital North and State Hospital South non-classified positions to improve the draw and retainment of qualified staff for those positions.

In answer to a question regarding the previous legislative session's discussion and results for a similar bill from 2017. **Mr. Taylor** explained that **RS 25639** is far narrower in scope of the employees effected, only two people, and that the fiscal impact last year was determined as not applicable. For this proposed legislation, however, the fiscal impact is clearly defined and noted.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25639. Motion carried by voice vote**

**RS 25692:** **Mr. Keith Reynolds**, Deputy Director and CFO, Dept. of Administration, explained the proposed legislation would give clarification to rule making authority of the department, particularly in regards to multi-agency properties and how rents from these properties would be used by the department.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25692. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25659:** **Mr. Barry Miller**, Division of Public Works, explained the proposed legislation would allow the division the ability to reject bids from all bidders on a project if all the bids were above the appropriations for the project. Current Idaho Code mandates that even if the lowest bid was higher than the appropriation, the contract had to be given to the lowest bidder.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 25659. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:14PM.

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Representative Hartgen  
Chair

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Amie Taylor  
Secretary