

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Clow, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Thompson, Monks, Dixon, Troy, Stevenson, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Manwaring, Wagoner, Smith, Kloc (Chilcote), Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: John Nielsen, DBS; Madison Grady, Gov; Brody Aston, IDABO

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

RS 25646: **Warren Wing**, Electrical Program Manager of the Division of Building Safety, presented **RS 25646**. This proposal would allow DBS to self-certify inspectors without having to pay an outside agency to do so.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 25646**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25647C1: **Warren Wing** presented **RS 25647C1**. This proposal clarifies and cleans up a number of statutes in Idaho Code related to electrical installations and electricians. The purpose of this proposal is to align the statutes with current technology as well as DBS policies and rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 25647C1**. **Reps. Crane and Dixon** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25701: **Warren Wing** presented **RS 25701**. This statutory amendment proposal changes the name of "specialty" contractor, journeyman or trainee to "limited electrical" contractor, journeyman or trainee. In answer to committee questions, Mr. Wing stated this clarifies the work being performed by the holders of these license is limited and restricted in nature.

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to introduce **RS 25701**. **Rep. Crane** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25648: **John Nielsen**, Division of Building Safety, presented **RS 25648**. Industry representatives feel the scope of plumbing work by homeowners and commercial maintenance workers should be more clearly defined. Alterations, extensions, or new construction must be done by a licensed plumbing contractor.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 25648**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25649: **John Nielsen**, presented **RS 25649**. Industry representatives feel the scope of HVAC work done by homeowners and commercial maintenance workers should be more clearly defined. Alterations, extensions, or new construction must be done by a licensed HVAC contractor.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 25649**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 25680:** **John Nielsen** presented **RS 25680** The proposed legislation will provide general authority for the HVAC Board and the Division of Career-Technical Education to standardize an approved curriculum offered by schools providing HVAC apprenticeship courses of instruction. It also provides some administrative oversight to ensure schools meet those standards. In answer to committee questions, Mr. Nielsen stated the HVAC program should be available to high schools in a couple of years.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 25680**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 25704:** **John Nielsen** presented **RS 25704**. Mr. Nielsen stated the Plumbing Board, industry and DBS feel after payment of the initial fee for placing a license on inactive status, there should not be any additional annual fee for continuing to keep the license inactive, until contractors actually re-activate their license. This would be a change from the current statute.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 25704**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 25914:** **Rep. Clow** presented **RS 25914**. He stated the proposed resolution will reject two subsections of the state plumbing code dealing with back-flow devices. The cost associated with back-flow device testing is an unfunded mandate that is the responsibility of the property owner with irrigation systems connected to public water systems.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 25914**. **Rep. Toone** and **Rep. Monks** spoke **in support** of the motion with the expectation their concerns for public safety are answered during the full committee hearing. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Barbieri** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Clow**. **Vice Chairman Clow** called for the report of the Stevenson Subcommittee on Administrative Rules.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion for the subcommittee to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Rep. Clow** stated he would like the individual docket numbers to be listed in the subcommittee report. The report, with docket numbers, will be on the agenda Thursday, February 1, 2018.
- Rep. Clow** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Barbieri**.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary