

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 09, 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.

SCR 128 **RELATING TO THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE and encouraging Idahoans to devote March 1, 2018 through March 2, 2020 to prepare for commemoration of the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment.**

Chairman Siddoway welcomed Janet Gallimore to present **SCR 128**.

Janet Gallimore, Executive Director, Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS), informed the Committee that the ISHS and the Idaho Women Leadership Group, through **SCR 128**, invite Idahoans to prepare for the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment by:

- planning Statewide and local activities honoring and recognizing women leaders of the past and present;
- fostering women leaders of the future, and furthering their roles in politics and business; and
- encouraging women to continue to exercise their right to vote.

Ms. Gallimore pointed out that Idaho was the fourth state to allow women to vote through SJR 2 on November 3, 1886, with nearly two-to one voting in favor. She revealed that the Western states of Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, and Washington led the country in granting women's suffrage. She detailed the efforts to achieve women's suffrage nationally. **Ms. Gallimore** stated that these efforts fall into three time periods:

- 1848-1869 focused on social, civil, and religious conditions and rights of women; and women's influence on the Civil War era constitutional amendments regarding civil rights and slavery;
- 1869-1910 focused on suffrage as an element of state or federal law; and
- 1910-1920 focused on furthering women's roles in society, education, and civic and community activities.

Ms. Gallimore asserted that these efforts culminated in the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 18, 1920.

Ms. Gallimore presented an overview of the commemoration. She stated it will engage all Idaho communities, encourage understanding of the iconic leaders, and create opportunities for the empowerment of women. She indicated the commemoration would include broad partnerships, a toolkit for communities,

preservation of historic sites and collections, and actions to increase women representation in elected office. Beginning with Sacagawea, **Ms. Gallimore** delineated Idaho women who were leaders, and their impact on the history of the State (see Attachment 1). She emphasized that history inspires leaders and provides inspiration and role models.

Ms. Gallimore declared that Idaho has the opportunity to ensure entire new generations of Idaho women understand their boundless potential.

Gloria Totoricagüena, Phd, President, Idaho Policy and Consulting, spoke in support of **SCR 128**. **Dr. Totoricagüena** stated she conducted focus groups and survey research on how Idahoans want to be represented in the activities of the ISHS. She presented the results of surveys which reveal repeated and specific requests for immediate, improved, and accurate representation of Idaho women in the following areas:

- women artists and athletes;
- women scientists, agronomists, ranchers, and farmers;
- women in Idaho's forest industries;
- women in Idaho's educational ecosystem;
- women in medicine and medical care;
- women as elected officials, in the judiciary, and as government affairs experts; and
- wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters to male politicians.

Dr. Totoricagüena explained that her research also resulted in additional information and promotion regarding Idaho's women, and how gender intelligence has influenced Idaho's trajectory. While focusing on the future of Idaho's work force, she learned futurist planners want female participation in decision making at all levels of communities, businesses, agencies, churches, and non-profits. **Ms. Totoricagüena** asserted **SCR 128** addresses these issues in a positive manner.

MOTION: **Senator Stennett** moved to send **SCR 128** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Hill** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 361 **RELATING TO FILING FEES FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE to make adjustments to existing surcharges.**

Chairman Siddoway welcomed Chad Houck to the Committee.

Chad Houck, Deputy Secretary of State, stated **H 361** pertains to the \$30 filing fee for a Statement of Termination for partnerships. He noted at times the fee is overlooked; this oversight results in the Secretary of State (SOS) instituting an administration termination. **Mr. Houck** related that this course of action requires three separate notifications by mail at the taxpayer's expense. **H 361** would remove that fee and allow the parties to send notification with no fee attached.

MOTION: **Senator Hill** moved to send **H 361** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 379 **RELATING TO THE IDAHO NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ACT to modify signature requirements to make the statute consistent with filing requirements for corporations.**

Chad Houck, Deputy Secretary of State, related that current filing by non profit corporations require the signatures of all incorporators. **H 379** will reduce that

requirement to a single incorporator. He explained this would make the statutes consistent with the flows within the online filing system. **Mr. Houck** added that the bill eliminates current conflicts within statute. He noted that, because the bill works within the new electronic system, there will be no fiscal impact.

MOTION: **Senator Hagedorn** moved to send **H 379** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 25769 **RELATING TO CONCEALED WEAPONS to revise a provision regarding who may carry a concealed weapon.**

Senator Tony Potts, District 33, representing himself, advised that **RS 25769** removes one restriction on the concealed carry of weapons statute. The RS addresses permitless carry of concealed weapons and will extend the privilege to non-residents who meet all other criteria to carry concealed weapons in Idaho including age, criminal background check, etc. **Senator Potts** explained this bill protects the Second Amendment rights for citizens in Idaho, whether residents or non-residents. **Senator Potts** shared a graphic depicting Idaho gun laws as they exist today and as proposed to be simplified through **RS 25769** (see Attachment 2).

Senator Potts explained the changes would be on page 2, line 21, by adding "a resident of a state other than Idaho;" the RS includes other changes which are grammatical. He stated the intention of the bill is to align more closely to the Second Amendment for constitutional carry.

Senator Hagedorn pointed out that all of the states have their own laws restricting some people from carrying a handgun. He requested Senator Potts to determine if Idaho law enforcement has the ability to learn if an Idaho non-resident had gun-related issues in the past.

Senator Lodge asked Senator Potts to work with the Metro Gang Unit to find out about gangs coming into Idaho that are using handguns in the commission of crimes. She requested Senator Potts work with the domestic violence groups to ascertain the impact on handguns in those situations.

MOTION: **Senator Lodge** moved to send **RS 25769** to print with the caveat that Senator Potts conduct research for answers to the questions asked by Committee members. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote** with **Senator Stennett** and **Senator Buckner-Webb** recorded as voting **nay**.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, Chairman Siddoway adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Senator Siddoway, Chair

Twyla Melton, Secretary

Carol Cornwall, Assistant Secretary