

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

TIME: 8:00 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 (Gannon)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation Campaign, Russell Westerburg, RMP, Tracy Olson, Jonathan Parker, PPA

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

RS 26125: **David Ripley**, Executive Director of Idaho Chooses Life, presented **RS 26125**, proposed legislation to require reporting of health complications arising from performance of an abortion to the Department of Health & Welfare. Annual statistical reports will be provided to the Idaho Legislature and made available to the public. Doctors are required to report complications to the FDA, however, there is no data from them since 2011. Idaho is one of two states in the country to dispense RU486, without a direct physical examination for women considering an abortion. It is imperative Idaho create a system to find out the impact this procedure is having on women's health. This legislation would apply to all medical staff in the state. It addresses both chemical and surgical abortions, and provides serious penalties to protect patient confidentiality. It does not restrict access to abortion.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 26125**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep.(s) Gannon** and **Smith** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 26133: **David Ripley** presented **RS 26133**, proposed legislation to prioritize the distribution of Title 10 funds received by the Department of Health and Welfare, to ensure public tax dollars are going to publicly accountable health agencies, and encourage women and girls to receive health care from qualified medical institutions who provide comprehensive health care services. It would not prevent organizations such as planned Parenthood from applying for and receiving tax payer funds.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 26133**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep.(s) Smith** and **Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 25751: **Lawrence Denney**, Secretary of State, presented **RS 25751**, proposed legislation from the interim Campaign Finance Legislative workgroup. Its purpose is to shine more light on dark money, grey money and to require the listing of PAC leadership. It extends the law to local special and recall election and requires the establishment of a single, searchable online database to accommodate all filings required under the Sunshine Law. A budget request of 1.29 million dollars has been made to upgrade software solutions for campaign finance, lobbyist registration and our overall election management. This upgrade needs to be done regardless of the outcome of this legislation. With the upgrade we can handle all changes purposed to the Sunshine Law with no additional fiscal impact. If money is being spent it should be transparent enough to show where it is coming from.

Tim Hurst, Deputy Secretary, stated the Attorney General supplied us the definition of dark money and grey money. Dark money is money coming in from outside that isn't reported. Grey money is transferred from PAC to PAC and becomes hard to track. There is no inference to candidates.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 25751**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep.(s) Giddings** and **Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 25922: **Rep. Nate** of District 34, presented **RS 25922**, proposed legislation to amend Title 31, Chapter 7 of Idaho Code by adding a new subsection to provide for County Commissioner elections to include only voters of the same commissioner district. It is possible for a commissioner to be elected without enough votes in the district he/she is running in. The committee responded that county government sit as all three, make laws, administer, and adjudicate. That is the reason they were elected at large, it is unique on the county level.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 25922**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. (s) Smith, Gannon, and Chairman Loertscher** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 25881: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 25881**, proposed legislation to amend Chapter 45, Title 67 of the Idaho Code by the addition Section 67-5415, designating the Huckleberry Pie, a delicious treat, as the Idaho State Dessert. If the state has the Huckleberry as a representation of the state, then it is natural that the Huckleberry Pie would be the official state dessert. Oh man the huckleberry is my jam. Discussion ensued regarding the forms huckleberries could be represented, such as shakes, jam, and ice cream. One Representative was recorded as liking cakes rather than pie, one not at all, and some who like huckleberries.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 25881**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep.(s) Barbieri, Monks, Harris,** and **Chairman Loertscher** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Jayne Feik Spinato
Secretary