

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 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:** Representative(s) Chew

GUESTS: Jeff Weak, Director, Information Security, Office of the Governor; John Tippetts, Director, D.E.Q.; Greg Zickau, Dept. of Admin; Bob Geddes, Director, Dept. of Admin; Ron Williams, Director, Idaho Cable and Broadband Assn; Jeremy Chou, Representing Syringa Networks; Keith Simila, Director, Board of PE/PLS; Tom Shaner, Idaho State Tax Commission

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

Chairman Hartgen announced that all further meetings will be at the call of the Chair.

H 607: **Mr. Jeff Weak**, Director, Office of Information Security, Office of the Governor, explained that this bill would create a new office of Information and Technology Services in the office of the Governor, effectively moving the existing office of Information and Technology Services from the Department of Administration to under the Office of the Governor. This would increase and better the State's cybersecurity, as well as consolidate information technology services across state agencies and departments. He also explained the fiscal impact was none as the move is accounted for in shifting of budgets from the Department of Administration to the new office.

Mr. Weak yielded to **Mr. Keith Reynolds**, Deputy Director, Department of Administration, who gave testimony in response to committee questions to explain why there was no fiscal impact from this bill. In the fiscal note presented with the bill, the math did not come to zero clearly, and he began to explain that it was a complex budget mechanics step.

Mr. John Tippetts, Director, D.E.Q., gave testimony **in support** of the bill, stating that information technology services and cybersecurity should be centralized, and that they should be centralized under the Office of the Governor so as to have the necessary clout and reach to affect all state agencies and departments. He also stated that cybersecurity matters are best handled at this level due to the weight of the issues faced.

Mr. Greg Zickau, Chief Information Officer, Department of Administration, gave testimony **in support** of the bill. He explained examples of how his office, the one that would be moved by this bill if passed, had operated and that they had reached the peak of their effectiveness from their current standpoint. He explained that moving them to the Office of the Governor would allow them to continue to grow in effectiveness and better provide their services.

Mr. Bob Geddes, Director, Department of Administration, gave testimony **in support** of the bill. He explained that this bill was a chain of command decision. Currently, departments who received their IT services through the Department of Administration had a dilemma when cybersecurity issues arise. The other department directors in this case would report to the Department of Administration, which does not follow current Idaho chain of command for directors who normally report to the Governor's office. He further stated that moving this office to under the Office of the Governor would manage information technology operations more efficiently.

Mr. Ron Williams, Director of the Idaho Cable and Broadband Association, gave testimony on behalf of the Association **in support** of the bill.

Mr. Jeremy Chou, representing Syringa Networks, gave testimony on their behalf stating they were **in support** of the bill, referencing the importance in the modern age of cybersecurity.

In response to further committee questions regarding the fiscal note, **Mr. Reynolds** further explained some of the workings of the budget mechanics that would make the fiscal impact of this bill effectively zero.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to **HOLD H 607** for time certain Tuesday, February 27th, 2018. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1252: **Mr. Keith Simila**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, explained the bill would reduce barriers to licensure by repealing the requirements for additional education upon multiple examination failures. It would de-couple the requirement for obtaining four years of experience prior to taking the professional licensure exams.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1252** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Simila** further explained that the requirements for four years of experience are in the rules, and if the bill passed the Board would need to enact a temporary rule. He stated the experience is still a requirement. This bill would just allow for a change in the order of requirements that need to be met for licensure.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1234: **Mr. Tom Shaner**, Idaho State Tax Commission, explained the bill would allow for nationwide criminal background checks for current employees, contractors, and future employees. Currently, the background checks done by the Tax Commission only cover eight western states, and new federal regulations set out for agencies to access federal income tax information include the requirement of nationwide background checks. He also explained that the costs will be covered by the Tax Commission's budget and that they are willing to share with other agencies.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to send **S 1234** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. King** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Hartgen announced the committee would meet Tuesday, February 27, 2018, to allow time for committee members to meet with **Mr. Weak** and **Mr. Reynolds** to discuss the complex details of the budget mechanics before reconvening to review the fiscal note from **H 607** and further deliberate on the bill.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:58PM.

Representative Hartgen
Chair

Amie Taylor
Secretary