

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2018

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, King, Wintrow, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Blanksma

GUESTS: Nick Veldhouse, IAHD, Savannah Renslow, IAHD, Anna Canning, IDPR, Tammy Kolskie, IDPR, Keith Hobbs, IDPR, Nicole West, Pedego Boise, Mike Reisenleiter, Barry Tokenchi, ITD/DMV, Sandra Mitchell, ISSA/IRC/IAA, Alex Logermann, People for Bikes, Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League, Frank Leone, Georges Cycles.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 540: **Rep. Wintrow** presented **H 540**. Rep. Wintrow stated the purpose of this legislation is to provide assistance with canine and feline spay and neuter services to low-income residents of Idaho. This bill will also provide relief to Idaho animal shelters and impound facilities by decreasing pet overpopulation and unwanted litters. In addition, this legislation will enable veterinarians in low-income areas to assist, educate, and connect with underserved communities in Idaho.

Rep. Wintrow stated this legislation needs some modification, and asked the committee to send this bill to General Orders.

MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to send **H 540** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Wintrow** and **Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1214: **Tracy Schaner**, Deputy Administrator, Division of Veterans Services, presented **S 1214**. Ms. Schaner stated this Resolution is to make simple corrections to several statutes and the Idaho Code to provide proper reference to having one or multiple state veterans cemeteries rather than only one.

MOTION: **Rep. Syme** made a motion to send **S 1214** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 130: **Roy Eiguren**, JD, Managing Partner, Eiguren Ellis Public Policy Firm, presented **SCR 130**. Mr. Eiguren stated there are currently eleven (11) different permits available for commercial vehicles. This legislation seeks to consolidate these permits and streamline the Idaho Transportation's permitting process and reduce administrative overhead. By consolidating these permits, it will make it easier for the trucking industry to do business. In addition, consolidation will make it easier for customers to find information about the permits.

Following discussion by the committee, **Mr. Eiguren** stated one permit is for trucks that exceed the legal size and weight. He also said over 47,000 permits are issued annually, but he does not know how many are denied. When such permits are denied, the Idaho Transportation Department tries to provide alternate routes for

the trucks. Some of the permits restrict oversize and overweight movement of trucks by the time of day, night, and holidays. These multiple permits have become a burden to business, the Idaho Transportation Department, and law enforcement. Mr. Eiguren stated the fees collected for these oversize and overweight vehicles are used to mitigate damages to roads in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **SCR 130** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no more business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Kimberly Lowder
Secretary