

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 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. He announced a change in the agenda. At the request of the sponsor, the hearing for **S 1318** will be rescheduled for Friday, March 2, 2018.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Winder** moved to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2018. **Vice Chairman Hagedorn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Vice Chairman Hagedorn moved to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2018. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MOTION: **Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 26268**, **RS 26174**, and **RS 26265** to print. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion.

Senator Stennett questioned why these RSs were before the Committee so late in the session.

The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 544 **RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF STATE FACILITIES to provide that rental rates for multi-agency facilities provide for long-term maintenance and upkeep.**

Vice Chairman Hagedorn, District 14, stated he is the Senate member of the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council along with the cosponsor of **H 544**, Representative Anderst. **Vice Chairman Hagedorn** stated he has learned a great deal about how the State of Idaho takes care of its buildings. **H 544** was brought to the Legislature by the Idaho Department of Administration. The objective of the bill is to include long-term maintenance costs for State-owned buildings in the lease rates of those buildings. Currently, those maintenance costs are not included for any leased buildings.

The Division of Public Works estimates the Capitol Mall deferred maintenance currently totals approximately \$22.2 million. It is necessary to increase the lease rates to include those deferred maintenance costs. The Permanent Building Fund does not cover these costs at current rates. **Vice Chairman Hagedorn** projects there will be future bills for other buildings the State owns, in addition to any it may purchase.

Senator Vick asked, if the deferred maintenance is \$22 million, how that amount will be covered by the \$1.5 million per year shown in the fiscal note. **Vice Chairman Hagedorn** responded that it would take time. He used the Capitol Mall as an example; he listed some of the leases involved with that property and how those leases are drafted.

MOTION:

Senator Vick expressed his opinion that it was not good stewardship to let buildings fall into disrepair. **Senator Vick** moved to send **H 544** to the Senate floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion.

Chairman Siddoway asked if "fund" should be "funds" in the fiscal note. **Vice Chairman Hagedorn** agreed, because dedicated funds and federal funds are included. **Senator Hill** suggested correcting a misspelled word. **Chairman Siddoway** stated he had already noted the omission and it was being corrected.

The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **Chairman Siddoway** adjourned the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

Senator Siddoway
Chair

Twyla Melton
Secretary