

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 01, 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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Nick Veldhouse, Idaho Association of Highway Districts; Tom Dale, IAC; John Thill, Idaho Library Association; Ann Joslin, Idaho Community for Libraries (ICL); Dylan Baker, (ICL); Quinn Perry, School Boards Association; Jerry Seiffert, Idaho Mountain Express (IMS); Rick Visser, Ada County; Brian Hippe, Ada County Sheriff; Matt Davison, Idaho Press Tribune; Craig Cobia, Citizens for Decency; Seth Grigg, IAC; Vic McCraw, Post; Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation; Jeremy Pisca, Newspaper Association of Idaho; Jim Phillips, (IMS); Sarah Imada, Weiser Signal American; Skip Smyser, Idaho Press Club.

**Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**H 574:** **Rep. Nate** introduce **H 574**, 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. No other election has voters from people without their zone. It is possible for a commissioner to be elected from people without the district they represent.

**Tom Dale**, IAC; **Seth Grigg**, Executive Director, IAC; **Rick Visser**, Board of Ada County Commissioners; spoke **in opposition** to **H 574**. County Commissioners are intended to represent the whole county, and must reside in the district to run.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to **HOLD H 420** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Manwaring abstained.**

**H 420:** **Rep. Nate** presented **H 420**, legislation to allow government entities to publish legal notices on government websites in lieu of the requirement to have them printed in a newspaper. Electronic publication of legal notices is optional, has the same legal effect as printed notification, and will not alter any of the advance notice requirements currently in statutes. Government entities would be required to maintain historical records of notices provided online. The Department of Administration currently spends about \$130,000 on public notice publishing, which could be eliminated or reduced via electronic public notice. If online notices are published online there is no requirement to post in the newspaper.

**Jerry Siefert, Jeremy Pisca, Sarah Imada, Skip Smyser, Jim Phillips**, spoke **in opposition** to **H 420**. A newspaper is a commercial entity which provides depth, insight and brings people together, which an online entity does not provide. It might be lost in the clouds. (Hehehe) There is a cost of storage, data loss, and internet failure. There is a responsibility to protect individuals and support those who cannot use the internet due to availability or cost.

**Quinn Perry, Matt Davison, Rick Visser, Brian Hippe, Seth Grigg, Fred Birnbaum, Ty Palmer**, spoke **in support** of **H 420**. There are other means to address those who can't access the internet. Online notifications would increase visibility.

- MOTION:** Rep. Luker made a motion to **HOLD H 420** in committee.
- SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Harris made a substitute motion to send **H 420** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** A Roll Call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 9 NAY.** Those **voting in support** of the motion: **Rep.(s) Palmer, Harris, Giddings, Zito, and Scott.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Rep.(s) Luker, Crane, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Armstrong, Manwaring, Smith, Tway.**
- ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** A Roll Call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 5 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Rep.(s) Monks, Luker, Crane, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Armstrong, Manwaring, Smith, Tway.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep.(s) Palmer, Harris, Giddings, Zito, and Scott.**
- HCR 50:** Rep. Clow presented **HCR 50**, legislation to raise awareness and declare pornography has reached the level of a public health hazard leading to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts. Pornography has shown to adversely impact healthy relationships and can influence abuse of men, women and children. The resolution encourages education and policies to address the pornographic epidemic which is harming the people of our state and nation. It encourages all of Idaho's state agencies, local governments and political subdivisions to establish policies, procedure and appropriate technology to prevent access to pornography through their internet connections, whether wired or wireless.
- H 619:** Rep. Clow presented **H 619**, legislation to amend Chapter 27, Section 41 of Title 33 Idaho Code. The change will update public libraries requirement to filter access to minors of obscene and pornographic material through their internet. Current law did not anticipate use of personal laptop computers, tablets and smart phones gaining access through publicly provided wireless access to the libraries internet. The bill adds the language "publicly accessible wireless internet access or" and like terminology to several references of "publicly accessible computers". This legislation confirms that Idaho's public libraries assure their wireless (WiFi) is filtered as is required of the use of their available computers with internet access. The Library board of trustees need to update their policy to include this amendment.
- ADJOURN:** Due to time constraints, **HCR 50**, and **H 619** will be carried over to the meeting of Friday, March 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Jayne Feik Spinato  
Secretary