

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 15, 2018

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Nonini, Senators Hagedorn, Den Hartog, Lodge, Harris, and Buckner-Webb

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Keough and Winder

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CONVENED: **Chairman Brackett** convened the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) at 1:05 p.m. He welcomed everyone to what he thought would be the final meeting of the Committee this session, as future meetings would be at the call of the Chair.

H 507aa **Chairman Brackett** said Representative McDonald had a scheduling conflict, but Senator Martin would present **H 507aa**. **Chairman Brackett** welcomed Senator Martin to the Committee.

Senator Martin reminded the Committee he brought this legislation last year to create an Idaho Rotary International specialty license plate. The Committee sent it to the floor with a do pass recommendation, the Senate passed it, but it did not pass the House of Representatives. This year, Representative McDonald started the legislation in the House where it was amended, passed, and transmitted to the Senate. **Senator Martin** concluded by introducing Erik Lund, President of the Southwest Boise Rotary Club.

TESTIMONY: **Mr. Lund** said he represented 50 Rotary clubs and over 2,000 members. Internationally, Rotary is the largest and oldest service organization. They have maintained a presence in Idaho since 1917. He said they were asking for this license plate as a way of reminding the public that Rotary actively exists in Idaho. It will be a way to begin a conversation for people who want to serve their community. If it is a fit for interested persons, Rotarians would welcome them to share their time and resources. The revenue will go to charitable organizations all over Idaho. **Mr. Lund** thanked the Committee and stood for questions.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Hagedorn** agreed that Rotary was a great organization that does valuable work all over the world. However, he was concerned that, in order to keep a specialty license plate in circulation after three years, 2,500 license plates must be sold. With a membership of only 2,000 statewide, **Senator Hagedorn** asked if Mr. Lund thought that requirement was reachable. **Mr. Lund** said that sales were not limited to their members and that he was confident the requirement could be met. There were no further questions.

In closing, **Senator Martin** thanked the Committee and asked for their support.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Nonini** moved to send **H 507aa** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Hagedorn** seconded the motion. After an uncertain voice vote, **Chairman Brackett** called for a **roll call** vote. The motion passed. **Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Nonini, Senators Hagedorn** and **Buckner-Webb** were recorded as voting **Aye**. **Senators Den Hartog** and **Harris** were recorded as voting **Nay**. **Senator Martin** said he would carry the bill on the Senate floor.

ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Brackett** adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Senator Brackett
Chair

Gaye Bennett
Secretary