

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis, Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Youngblood, Holtzclaw, Addis

**GUESTS:** Matthew Conde, AAA; Alli Olson, ICL; Kent Day, Liberty Mutual; Rick Burlingame, Boise Valley Towing; Sarah Biggers, Idaho Towing Association; T.J. Biggers, Crossroads Towing and Salvage; Hy Kloc; Nick Veldhouse, Highway Districts; Chelsea Wilson, PPA

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**RS 26642:** **Rep. Giddings** presented **RS 26642**. She said Idaho Statute recognizes that the federal land rights-of-way were granted to the state for public use in perpetuity. This proposed legislation recognizes that these rights-of-way are federally owned land to which an access easement has been granted, are co-managed by the federal and state government and cannot be terminated unilaterally by either party. Federal agencies are not to recognize, manage or validate these rights-of-way within their regulations without a specific act of congress. They are to coordinate their resource management planning with the resource plans of state's political subdivisions that seek to retain rights for multiple use, wildfire suppression and search and rescue. This proposed legislation would serve to strengthen Idaho Code.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to introduce **RS 26642**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26612:** **Hy Kloc**, former State Representative from District 16, presented **RS 26612**. This proposed legislation will create a 'Pet Friendly' license plate. The funds collected will be used to assist low-income Idaho families with the cost of spaying or neutering their pets. This program can improve the lives of dogs and cats in low-income households throughout the state. It will provide relief to Idaho animal shelters and impound facilities by decreasing pet over-population and unwanted litters.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to introduce **RS 26612**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26526:** **Rep. McCrostie** presented **RS 26526**, proposed legislation to amend Idaho's 'Slow Down, Move Over' law. Emergency vehicle safety provisions would extend to tow trucks as well as highway and utility maintenance vehicles that are stationary and displaying flashing lights. The provisions would also extend to stationary passenger vehicles displaying emergency hazard lights.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Davis** made a motion to introduce **RS 26526**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26713:** **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 26713**. The proposed legislation increases the distribution to the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation program from 1% of sales tax collections to 2% of sales tax collections.

**MOTION:** Rep. Monks made a motion to introduce **RS 26713**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** Rep. Gannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary