

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green(18)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Smith

**GUESTS:** Seth Grigg, IAC; Delon Lee, Idaho Farm Bureau; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; Rep. Paul Amador, District 4; Ryan McGoldrick, CVI; Jonathon Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League

**Chairman Harris** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Green(18)** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8th and February 12th, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 162:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **H 162**, legislation proposing the development of a Federal land council. Rep. Boyle explained the members of the council should have knowledge and experience of Federal land management issues.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 162** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to committee questions. **Rep. Boyle** explained any legal issues will be represented by legislative counsel. The council would relate to Federal agencies and could facilitate contracts, meetings, etc. between ranchers, members of the grazing community, or other parties and Federal agencies. Rep. Boyle answered the council will not address land transfers or sales and it is her interpretation that minority members will be able to participate in the council.

**Seth Grigg**, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Counties, testified **in support** of **H 162**, stating he sees the benefits of a council that can oversee issues including appropriations of funds from the federal government to counties and others.

**Delon Lee**, Idaho Farm Bureau, testified **in support** of **H 162**, explaining the best form of government is closest to the people and because 63% of Idaho land is owned by the Federal government, it is hard to reach those in charge. The council could help create transparency.

**Wyatt Prescott**, Idaho Cattle Association, testified **in support** of **H 162**, stating he has confidence in the legislature to work through these issues.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon, Green(18), and Armstrong** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SCR 102:** **Rep. Amador** presented **SCR 102**, legislation relating to the authorization of the North Idaho College to bond \$25,000,000.00 through the Idaho State Building Authority for the construction of a new athletic facility and the remodel and reconstruction of the Meyer Health and Sciences Building. The college will use current funding streams to fund the bonds.

**Rep. Amador** introduced **Wayne Meuleman**, Executive Director, Idaho State Building Authority, to answer questions about the funding plan for the North Idaho College. Mr. Meuleman explained the Idaho State Building Authority has financed projects for all major community colleges. **SCR 102** is the prerequisite for the Idaho State Building Authority to become involved in the project. The legislature must agree by concurrent resolution for the ISBA to fund a project.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Meuleman** answered the ISBA does not have the funding currently, they will issue bonds to fund the project. The North Idaho College agrees to make payments on the bonds and they hold the direct obligation to pay the bonds, the State of Idaho does not.

In response to questions, **Rep. Amador** answered possible alternatives North Idaho College may have used to raise funds for the project could be private fundraising or utilize the taxing districts. However, he is not aware of the community college having plans to utilize those methods. North Idaho College has allocated \$2.5 million for capital improvements, and would use that revenue stream for future bonding projects.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **SCR 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Reps. Young, Barbieri, Harris, and Scott** expressed concerns of not having enough information to support the original motion.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to hold **SCR 102** for a time certain, possibly February 27th.

**Rep. Green(18)** expressed her support for the substitute motion, citing \$25,000,000.00 is a significant amount of money and the legislature's due diligence is important, so more time would be beneficial.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Zito** made an amended substitute motion to hold **SCR 102** in committee at the call of the chair. Rep. Zito cited the reason for her motion being that time is important to gather additional information and it might take more than a week.

**Reps. Monks and Hartgen** expressed their support for the substitute motion explaining that a week should be sufficient to gather the necessary information to make a decision.

**VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Amended substitute motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Harris, Barbieri, Gannon, Green(18), and Monks** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a motion to reconsider **SCR 102. Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Palmer, Armstrong, and Zito** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

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Representative Harris  
Chair

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Julia Grief  
Secretary