

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 07, 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 (Nye), Gannon, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Phil McGrane, Ada Co. Clerk; Katherine Gerrity, LSO; Alex LaBeau, IACI; Jared Larsen, Governor's Office, Patti Anne Lodge, Senate

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

SJM 102: **Rep. Dayley** presented **SJM 102**, legislation urging Congress to propose the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the United States Constitution. Rep. Dayley explained Idaho would be the 19th state to pass a resolution/memorial of this nature.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **SJM 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1113: **Rep. Wood** presented **S 1113**, relating to campaign finance. The bill is a product of the interim committee on campaign finance and it works to accomplish five main goals which include: creating a central online database in the Secretary of State's office for reporting all contributions and expenditures for statewide, legislative, judicial, and local elections and ballot measures. It also eliminates loopholes in reporting of contributions and expenditures by changing reporting dates during the election cycle. The legislation provides for the Secretary of State to enforce provisions of this chapter at the state level and the county clerks to enforce the provisions at the local government level. The bill would provide for continuation of reporting for candidates who do not prevail in an election until all debt has been eliminated or all remaining funds expended. Lastly, it provides for penalties for late filing to begin on day one, and provides for methods of notification to candidates and treasurers.

In response to committee questions, **Phil McGrane**, Ada County Clerks' Office, explained there are 79 different entities that collect campaign finance reports and not all of them can be found online. This need prompted the creation of an online campaign finance database, which could encourage transparency for the public.

In response to committee questions, **Tim Hurst**, Secretary of State's Office, clarified the legislation is not trying to regulate the political actions or contributions of private citizens; it is asking for disclosure of contributions.

Alex Labeau, IACI, testified in support of **S 1113**. Mr. Labeau stated this legislation works to promote transparency within the existing framework by increasing disclosure frequency and making the process more easy to comply with.

MOTION: **Rep. Green(18)** made a motion to send **S 1113** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to hold **S 1113** until time certain, March 8th, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Representative Harris
Chair

Julia Grief
Secretary