

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Stevenson, Armstrong, Clow, Monks, Andrus, Furniss, Nichols, Raymond, Smith, Berch, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** NONE

GUESTS: Jeff Fitzloff, electrician, Jackie Koehler, IEC Idaho, Marty Durand, Building Trades, Ronald Lawson, NJATC, Mark Zaleski, IBEW 291, Kelly Lamp, Idaho Chapter, National Electrician Contractors, Bob Scott, NECA, Warren Wing, DBS, Susan Petrazzelli, Petrezzelelli Electric, Glenneda Zuidervela, Freedom Electric, Jason Hudson, Idaho AFL-CIO, Brody Aston, IDABO, Alan Conilouge, Idaho Department of Finance, Anthony Polidari, Idaho Department of Finance, John Watts, Association of Collections

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019, and March 11, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 229: **Rep. Crane** presented **H 229**, legislation creating an Idaho Residential Electrical Code, and increasing the journeymen to apprentice ratio to 1:4 for residential electrical contractors.

Jeff Fitzloff, electrician, **Marty Durand**, Building Trades, **Ronald Lawson**, NJATC, **Mark Zalenski**, IBEW 291, **Kelly Lamp**, Idaho Chapter, **Bob Scott**, NECA, **Susan Petrazzelli**, Petrezzelelli Electric, and **Jason Hudson** spoke in opposition to **H 229**. Availability of apprenticeships depends on construction demand, and Idaho has 5000 journeymen and 5000 apprentices signed up. Apprentices need time to learn the trade, tool and work safety, or a disposable labor force is created. The green sticker from an inspector is an approval that all code has been met. The code is to keep people safe, and is not designed for untrained apprentices. The 4:1 ratio may be well in retrofits, but would not be acceptable in full wiring, and could lead to hazardous conditions.

Brody Aston, IDABO, said the plumbing and building board will support this bill if the code is available for review every three years, have a collaborative process, and bring the rules to the legislature instead of going through statute to make amendments.

Rep. Crane said using the 2017 as the base code, updating the code every three years will allow Idaho to add from the National Code Book and reject what isn't wanted.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 229** to General Orders.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 229** in committee. **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Roll call vote was requested: **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 1 NAY, 2 Absent/ excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Dixon, Reps. DeMordaunt, Collins, Crane, Barbieri, Stevenson, Armstrong, Clow, Andrus, Furniss, Nichols, Raymond, Smith, and Green(18). Voting in opposition to the motion: Rep. Berch. Rep. Monks and Palmer were absent/ excused. Rep. Crane will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary