

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

TIME: Upon Adjournment

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) Wintrow

GUESTS: Chelsea Wilson, PPA; Ken Burgess, Compass; Savannah Renslow, IAHD

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1201: **Chairman Palmer** presented **S 1201**. The bill transitions the Idaho State Police funding component they receive from the gas tax to the General Fund. This legislation will change the apportionment of the Highway Distribution Account. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2021, the Idaho State Police apportionment of the Highway Distribution Account will be reduced by 1% per year until Fiscal Year 2025 when the apportionment will be at 0%.

Rep. Gannon stated he would like to see the dedicated fund stay with the State Police.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **S 1201** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon, Rubel** and **Davis** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1065: **Jeremy Chou**, representing the American Council of Engineering Companies, presented **S 1065**. He stated this bill amends the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation program to provide for a bonding mechanism for the funds already being received in that program.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **S 1065** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1126: **Chairman Palmer** presented **S 1126**. This legislation extends the surplus eliminator. The funds transferred as a result of this legislation will be split equally. The Budget Stabilization Fund will receive 50% of the funds, and the other 50% will be split between the Strategic Initiatives Fund programs within the Idaho Transportation Department and the Local Strategic Initiatives Fund administered by the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council. After presenting the bill, Chairman Palmer requested it be sent to General Orders.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to send **S 1126** to **General Orders**.

Rep. Rubel asked what to expect when the bill goes to General Orders.

Chairman Palmer said the aim would be to amend the bill and create a more steady fund for future transportation needs.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Palmer called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1126** to General Orders.
Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Palmer will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Committee Page, **Elbia Christensen** was given a gift on behalf of the committee and thanked for her service. Her gift was a personalized blanket with the Great Seal of Idaho, picture of Elbia and the names of all the committee members. This blanket (quilt) was handmade by the committee secretary, **Joyce McKenzie**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary