

MINUTES  
**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 23, 2020

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

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Rice, Burtenshaw, Buckner-Webb, and Nelson

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Lodge

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**CONVENED:** With a quorum present, **Chairman Brackett** convened the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) at 1:30 p.m. He announced the Committee had three RSs before them for consideration.

**MOTION:** **Senator Rice** moved to send **RS 27403** and **RS 27400** to print. **Vice Chairman Crabtree** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senators Buckner-Webb** and **Nelson** asked to be recorded as voting nay.

**RS 27387** **Chairman Brackett** invited Jeff Neumeyer, General Counsel for United Heritage Financial Group, to present **RS 27387**.

**Mr. Neumeyer** explained that distracted driving is a serious life, health, and safety problem in Idaho as it is across the country. Crash data shows that hand-held mobile electronic devices are the most significant cause of distracted driving crashes; numbering nearly 5,000 per year in Idaho, of which 2,200 involve injuries and 50 result in death. Many of those involve pedestrians and bicyclists. With some exceptions, **RS 27387** designates that mobile electronic devices be only used in a hands-free mode while driving, and it preempts existing local ordinances addressing this issue by becoming a uniform, statewide hands-free law.

**MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved to send **RS 27387** to print. **Senator Rice** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:** **Chairman Brackett** called for a motion on the previously heard appointment of William H. Moad II of Caldwell, Idaho, as the Chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board, commencing May 21, 2019, and serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

**MOTION:** **Senator Rice** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of William H. Moad II as the Chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. Chairman Brackett will carry the appointment on the floor.

**ADJOURNED:** With no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Brackett** adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

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Senator Brackett  
Chair

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Secretary