

MINUTES  
**SENATE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 30, 2020

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

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Agenbroad, Senators Martin, Lakey, Guthrie, Thayn, Souza, Ward-Engelking, and Burgoyne

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Patrick** called the meeting of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Chairman Patrick** noted the Committee has worked hard on the rules of the Electrical Board and Energy Code. After receiving an opinion from the Attorney General's Office, one of the rules has to be reassessed as a fee rule. This will be done at a later meeting.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Chairman Patrick** announced the minutes approval would be moved to a later time on the agenda.

**RS 27525** **A Proclamation - Commending the Rotary Club of Moscow, Idaho for 100 Years of Service to the City of Moscow, Latah County, and the World.** **Senator Nelson** presented this proclamation to the Committee. He stated he wanted to do something special in celebration of the Rotary Club's hundredth anniversary and the hundredth birthday of Maynard Fosberg, former University of Idaho professor, Rotary Club president, and member for 55 years.

**MOTION:** **Senator Souza** moved to send **RS 27525** to print. **Vice Chairman Agenbroad** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Lakey** moved to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2020. **Senator Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 27409** **Chairman Patrick** announced this Routing Slip (RS) would be moved to a later time on the agenda.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Chairman Patrick passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Agenbroad to introduce the presenters for the rules being heard.

**DOCKET NO. 48-0101-1900F** **Rules of the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, Fee Rule**, p. 345. **Brenna Christison**, Operations and Finance Manager, Idaho Grape Growers, outlined the rule and highlighted the changes.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Burgoyne** asked if there were any substantive changes or comments received about this rule. **Ms. Christison** stated there were none.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Patrick** moved to approve **Docket No. 48-0101-1900F**. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO. 07-0101-1901** **Rules of the Idaho Electrical Board (IEB) (New Chapter)**, p. 95. **Warren Wing**, Electrical Program Manager, Idaho Division of Building Safety (IDBS), noted this rule has become tentative due to the change by the Idaho House of Representatives (House) to the journeyman and apprentice ratio being removed and offered to stand for any questions.

**DISCUSSION:** **Chairman Patrick** remarked there were many discussions between the House and Senate and the Committee would not reject the entire rule. **Senator Burgoyne** stated he was in support of the docket but questioned whether the House could veto any one rule. He stated his view was to approve the docket in its entirety. **Chairman Patrick** commented the Committee could reject the fee part of this docket in concurrence with the House or approve the entire docket.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Patrick** moved to approve **Docket No. 07-0101-1901** with the exception of Subsection 105.09.a and 105.09.b on page 125 of the fee rule book. **Senator Thayn** seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** A discussion ensued among Committee members about the journeyman-to-apprentice ratio. **Senator Lakey** stated he was in support of the motion. His preference would be not to allow variances and to allow a 1:4 ratio in both residential and commercial building.

**Senator Burgoyne** stated he was not in support of the motion. He cited an example of a building that partially collapsed due to the contractor cutting corners. He has heard from people in the industry who say the 1:4 ratio is not safe. **Senator Burgoyne** stated he had a conflict of interest pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), but intended to vote. He indicated the 1:4 ratio is not safe, but only addresses a labor shortage. **Chairman Patrick** commented the ratio may not end up being 1:4.

**Vice Chairman Agenbroad** remarked he concurred with the House and did not want to strike the whole rule.

**Senator Lakey** addressed Senator Burgoyne's concern about safety. **Senator Lakey** remarked the motion should not include a particular ratio. He indicated he discussed the ratio with an electrical contractor who agreed a 1:4 ratio was still adequate.

**Senator Souza** and **Mr. Wing** discussed the supervision process and licensure. She stated she was in support of the motion.

**Vice Chairman Agenbroad** and **Mr. Wing** discussed safety issues.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion to approve **Docket No. 07-0101-1901** carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Vice Chairman Agenbroad passed the gavel back to Chairman Patrick.

**RS 27409** **Relating to Health Benefit Plans.** **Senator Buckner-Webb** reported this legislation will require health benefit plans to provide reimbursement for a six-month supply of contraceptives. Currently, many insurance plans reimburse for a one to three-month supply of contraception. **Senator Buckner-Webb** noted this legislation will require any health benefit plan issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020 that covers contraceptives approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), to provide reimbursement for a six-month refill of contraception obtained at one time by the enrollee. The enrollee or the prescribing provider may request a smaller contraceptive supply. **Senator Buckner-Webb** stated there is no foreseen fiscal impact to the State because it will only result in policy changes for insurance companies. She remarked the passage of this legislation will improve women's

health care and reduce costs. This proposed legislation makes birth control accessible, which is of special concern for women in rural communities.

**MOTION:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to send **RS 27409** to print. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Patrick** adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

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Senator Patrick  
Chair

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Linda Kambeitz  
Secretary