

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 31, 2020

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lodge, Vice Chairman Harris, Senators Hill, Winder, Vick, Anthon, Souza, Stennett, and Mathias (Buckner-Webb)

**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: **Chairwoman Lodge** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **THE GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT** of Representative Steve Harris to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board.

Representative Steve Harris, District 21, stated he is a small business owner and has a business degree in manufacturing. He currently does evaluations on businesses. He said he has been on the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board since 2019 and appreciates how organized and professional they are. During this time, he has found it to be very educational and has been familiarizing himself with the managers and learning about their roles. He attends board meetings, presentations, participates in discussions, gives his input, and contributes his version of common sense.

Senator Winder commented that he appreciates what Representative Harris brings to the Board.

Chairwoman Lodge announced that voting would be at the next meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020.

Chairwoman Lodge changed the order from the agenda and asked Representative Syme to present first.

H 321 **RELATING TO LIQUOR** to correct a misplaced word.

Representative Scott Syme, District 11, presented **H 321**, which relates to Idaho Code § 23-944: Exceptions from Restriction on Entering or Remaining. He said that correcting the placement of the word "plaza" will clarify the true intent of the rule.

MOTION: **Senator Souza** moved to send **H 321** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 27457 **RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE** to revise provisions for reporting by candidates for judicial office.

Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk, presented **RS 27457** which relates to campaign finance. This legislation seeks to revise provisions for reporting by candidates running for judicial office.

Mr. McGrane said they have begun implementing the new campaign finance system for the laws changed in 2019. Local government offices were exempt from having to file campaign finance reports on those candidates who received contributions of less than \$500. However, it was discovered that this did not apply to the judiciary candidates. He said this new legislation will extend that \$500 exemption to the judicial branch, impacting both district and magistrate judges.

Mr. McGrane said he consulted with Judge Wood. Judge Wood presented these revisions to the judiciary, and they are in support of the changes.

MOTION:

Senator Winder moved to send **RS 27457** to print. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1254

RELATING TO BINGO AND RAFFLES to clarify multiple statutes for clarity and ease of use and to reduce the number of districts, board members, and meetings.

Jeff R. Anderson, Director of the Idaho Lottery Commission (Commission), presented **S 1254** relating to bingo and raffles, and changes to clarify multiple statutes of Idaho Code § 67-77. He said the Bingo Raffle Advisory Board (Board) was established in 1992 due to concerns over fairness of charitable games. He introduced Tony Pittz, Director of Lottery Security, and Angela Vitek, Charitable Gaming Coordinator for the Lottery Enforcement Division.

Mr. Anderson further explained the key points of change:

- sections were clarified and reordered to make them easier to read and follow;
- the size of the board was reduced from six to five and a quorum of three is all that would be necessary;
- board members are required to be involved in charitable activities;
- vacates the defined geographic districts;
- vacates political party restrictions of the board;
- reduces the mandatory meetings from three to two per year; and
- board members will be appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate to at-large positions for a three-year term.

He said that the board is advisory only and reports to the five-member Commission which does have a political affiliation requirement in law; no more than three Commission members can be of the same political party.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Stennett asked the following questions:

- In what capacity is the board advising;
- why were the political party portion and geographic region changed;
- why did Board member positions change to "at-large"; and
- is the Board concerned about consolidation in one area (i.e. Ada County) due to lack of participants.

Mr. Anderson responded that in his 13 years on the Commission, they have strived to avoid being the "Ada County" lottery. He said there is no requirement regarding geographic diversity. One of the six positions on the Board has been vacant for several years and it has been difficult

finding people; this is further complicated by the political requirements. He continued stating the Board members are volunteers, are very involved with the activities, and do not make policy, but do make recommendations.

Mr. Anderson concluded stating that these activities tend to occur in the higher populated areas. Of the six districts, the greatest volume is in the Boise area, and the second is in the Coeur D'Alene area.

MOTION:

Senator Souza moved to send **S 1254** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

Senator Lodge
Chair

Twyla Melton
Secretary

Denise B. McNeil
Assistant to the Assistant Majority
Leader