

MINUTES  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 07, 2020

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Harris, Senators Hill, Winder, Vick, Anthon, Souza, Stennett, and 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) meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**RS 27557** **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** to honor William C. "Bill" Roden and to have the lobbyist lounge at the Idaho State Capitol be known as the "Bill Roden Memorial Lounge."

**Senator Lodge** introduced **RS 27557** to honor William C. "Bill" Roden.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Harris** moved to send **RS 27557** to print. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 27605** **RELATING TO CITY ELECTIONS** to eliminate certain elections if only one person files a declaration of candidacy or if there is only a write-in declaration for each office.

**Kelli D. Brassfield**, Associate of the Idaho Association of Counties, presented **RS 27605**, which amends Idaho Code § 50-405, regarding uncontested city elections. **Ms. Brassfield** said that after the print hearing, she heard from several cities who told her that the language did not fit their methods or how they run their elections. After discussing alternative language, they agreed to the proposed changes. She said cities will no longer need to hold an election if only one person files a declaration of candidacy or if there is only one write-in for each office in a city election.

**MOTION:** **Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 27605** to print. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 27352C2** **RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET** regarding receipts from the sale of a motor vehicle.

**Jordan Watters**, Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor McGeachin, presented **RS 27352C2**, a proposal to amend how the receipts for the sale of an agency motor vehicle are coded. He said the Regional Government Efficiency Working Group (Group), that Lieutenant Governor McGeachin chairs, has been diligently working to find government efficiencies throughout the state.

**Mr. Watters** said this legislation will allow the proceeds from the sale of an agency's vehicle to be transferred from capital outlay to operating expenditures. He said by allowing the agencies, with the approval of the Division of Financial Management, to use the proceed funds, for example, in renting a car, this will enable greater efficiencies when the agency moves to a fleet management program.

**MOTION:** **Senator Souza** moved to send **RS 27352C2** to print. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**

**S 1280** **RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE** to extend the same exemption for candidates to judicial offices.

**Phil McGrane**, Ada County Clerk, presented **S 1280** and said this is a follow-up to the campaign finance reforms that took effect on January 1, 2020. Local government candidates are exempt from filing finance reports if their contributions are less than \$500. He said that judiciary candidates were inadvertently overlooked. This legislation will extend that same \$500 exemption to the judiciary.

**MOTION:** **Senator Buckner-Webb** moved to send **S 1280** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**IMPROMPTU DISCUSSION:** **Vice Chairman Harris** discussed his inquiry to the Attorney General regarding **Docket No. 38-0000-1900**, Omnibus Pending Rule IDAPA 38, Rule of the Department of Administration, and brought attention to the Attorney General's response letter. **Vice Chairman Harris** said this was specific to those sections of rules that were rejected by the House State Affairs Committee. He instructed the Committee to review the Attorney General's opinion letter and they will vote on this rule at the next Committee meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.

**Senator Hill** said Rule 3.11 appears to grant authority to inspect, but security cannot exercise that authority. **Vice Chairman Harris** said security staff can search the item but take no action. Law enforcement can take action. He said he would follow up for more clarification and present at the next Committee meeting.

**Chairwoman Lodge** added that if security finds something that is concerning, they need to call law enforcement.

**Senator Souza** said in the paragraph Senator Hill referred to, there is a sentence that states "the person may refuse to show the item in question, or even speak to the law enforcement officer or security staff member.. ". She said this makes law enforcement appear limited.

**Chairwoman Lodge** stated that Brian Kane will be on hand at the Committee meeting to answer questions.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

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Senator Lodge  
Chair

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Twyla Melton  
Secretary

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Denise B. McNeil  
Assistant to the Assistant Majority  
Leader