

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 14, 2020

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Harris, Senators Hill, Winder, Vick, Anthon, Souza, Stennett, and Rohn (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) to order at 8:00 a.m.

**VOTE ON
GUBERNATORIAL
REAPPOINTMENT:** **VOTE ON THE GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT** of William Craig Corbett to the Idaho Lottery Commission.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Harris** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of William Craig Corbett to the Idaho Lottery Commission to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 357 **RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION** to clarify that certain building projects shall comply with construction standards.
Representative Anderst, District 12, presented **H 357** and said this bill is from the Department of Administration (DOA) and deals with building standards. The DOA has been working with the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council (PBFAC) to try to bring some consistency in the requests for space allocation and development. Many of the state agencies are transitioning and moving to new locations. The Space Allocation Standards have been adopted by PBFAC, and building projects managed by the Division of Public Works must comply with these adopted standards.

Senator Vick, the Senate member of PBFAC, agreed and said this is a big step and will be very helpful to the State and the Department of Administration.

MOTION: **Senator Vick** moved to send **H 357** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 350 **RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (DOA)** to allow the management of after hours parking at the Capitol Mall.
Representative Anderst next presented **H 350** which deals with the management of surface parking around the Capitol. **H 350** amends Idaho Code § 67-5708, and will grant authority to the DOA to hire a contract manager for the rental of parking facilities in the Capitol Mall after hours

and on weekends. He said this legislation would align its rules to those of the private sector and they project a net annual revenue of \$200,000. People with the Capitol Mall parking (CMP) permit will still have access after hours and on the weekends. Representative Anderst yielded to **Keith Reynolds**, Director of the DOA, who answered questions from the Committee about the implementation of the program. He said the DOA is very optimistic about this program.

TESTIMONY:

Senator Stegner (1998 to 2011), Special Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations, University of Idaho, said they are in favor of this legislation as the law school students use the old Ada County Courthouse for parking. He said there were concerns about continued access to the lot after hours and on weekends, and he was happy to report that students can continue to use the visitor's parking after hours and weekends. In the future, they may even allow students to purchase a CMP permit.

MOTION:

Senator Anthon moved to send **H 350** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1307

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET to provide that motor vehicle sale receipts may be transferred to operating expenditures in certain instances.

Jordan Waters, Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor McGeachin, presented **S 1307**, regarding the receipts from the sale of motor vehicles. He said the Regional Government Efficiency Working Group was tasked with finding ways the government could be more efficient. It was determined that certain agencies could sell their fleet vehicles, and with a new pilot program, rent a car instead when needed. This new legislation would allow those agencies, with the approval of the Division of Financial Management, to transfer the money from the sale to operating expenditures to be used for the purpose of renting a car.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Harris moved to send **S 1307** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 27627

RELATING TO STATE BUDGETS for state agency reports when receiving federal funds.

Vice Chairman Harris presented **RS 27627**, and said this legislation proposes to amend Idaho Code § 67-1917. He said state agencies will be required to include additional budget information in the annual reports to the Division of Financial Management, specifically the federal grants that require matching state funds. They must include a plan that addresses those services that may be affected in the event the federal grants are reduced.

MOTION:

Senator Hill moved to send **RS 27627** to print. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Stennett agreed to support the motion, but stated she had questions and concerns regarding the grants and what might put the federal grants in jeopardy.

VOICE VOTE:

The motion carried by **voice vote**

RS 27710

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL for the Port of Lewiston and the Columbia-Snake River System.

Vice Chairman Harris said **RS 27710** is a joint memorial opposing the removal and breaching of the dams and tributaries. It also emphasizes the importance of the Port of Lewiston and the Columbia-Snake River System to the economy of Idaho. He said Idaho produces nearly 10 percent of the nation's total wheat exports and if the barge system currently being used for transportation on the river was no longer available, costs for transportation and storage would skyrocket. **Vice Chairman Harris** said Idahoans not only rely on this river for farming and transportation, but also for power generation and recreation.

MOTION:

Senator Anthon moved to send **RS 27710** to print. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1274

RELATING TO THE IDAHO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT—CONTINUED to establish an Independent Office of Administrative Hearings.

Senator Burgoyne, District 16, presented **S 1274**, and said this legislation relates to the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act (APA) to establish an Independent Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings.

Senator Burgoyne stated he met with the Attorney General's Office (AG) and he outlined the issues and concerns they had with the bill. He said they agreed on a few of the recommendations, but had a policy disagreement regarding the Fair Hearings Unit. He said the Attorney General asked that **S 1274** be held in Committee or that the legislation be amended to exclude the Fair Hearings Unit.

Senator Burgoyne yielded to **Senator Rice**, District 10, who, based on his experience, spoke about the time-line and tasks in creating the office, and outlined the issues that would be faced. The Committee had several questions for both Senator Burgoyne and Senator Rice. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that there were several issues that still needed to be resolved.

MOTION:

Senator Anthon moved that **S 1274** be held in Committee subject to the call of Chair. **Vice Chairman Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PAGE GRADUATION:

Karina Smith, who served as page for the first half of the second Regular Session of the 65th Idaho Legislature, spoke of her experience and thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve as their page.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Senator Lodge
Chair

Twyla Melton
Secretary

Denise B. McNeil
Assistant to the Assistant Majority
Leader