

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, February 24, 2020
TIME:	8:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Room EW42
MEMBERS:	Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Vice Chairman Armstrong
GUESTS:	The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library. Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
RS 27733C1:	Rep. Addis said RS 27733C1 was very similar to a previous RS that had been introduced to the committee but RS 27733C1 included changes to address implementation dates for local initiatives.
MOTION:	Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce RS 27733C1 . Motion carried by voice vote.
H 516:	Rep. Zito said H 516 was similar to a previous bill but included a change in language to include an allowance for all U.S. citizens to concealed carry in city limits. Diana David , Every Town for Gun Safety, testified in opposition to H 516 . She shared her personal experience with gun violence and said even gun owners are not immune to gun violence. Nicole Brown, Dr. Rick Shackleford, and Kathy Sasser , Moms Demand Action, testified in opposition to H 516 and spoke in support of permitting standards and the increased risk for Idahoans under H 516 . Greg Pruett, David Lang , Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, testified H 516 makes the law less confusing and clears up confusion. They said H 516 makes the law uniform across the state. In response to committee questions, Mr. Pruett said people have a right to constitutional carry until they commit a crime. He said criminals are not prone to following the law but people who do follow the law should not be punished. Leigh Dyer testified about the confusion caused by prior legislation regarding the ability of service members and their spouses to carry concealed weapons.
MOTION:	Rep. Young made a motion to send H 516 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. Kathleen DeGolia , Moms Demand Automatics, testified in support of H 516 . She said no visitor should end up breaking Idaho law because of inconsistencies and the issue is fixable. She said gun rights are women's rights and statistics demonstrate more crime in gun free zones. Dan Malloy testified in support of H 516 . He said the current law was inconsistent and does not stop criminals from carrying concealed weapons.

Charles Nielsen introduced his 11-year-old granddaughter, **Bailey**. He said she was carrying a loaded AR-15 and was responsible. He said people live in fear and make unreasonable demands of others to take care of those fears. He expressed offense that some consider constitutional carry a privilege.

During discussion on the motion, some committee members asked whether law enforcement agencies and associations would be testifying in support or opposition. The sponsor said only a few organizations responded to the new draft of the bill.

In closing, **Rep. Zito** said **H 516** does not have any effect on the permitting process and shared a personal story about how she almost had to use a firearm to protect her child.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Rep. Young requested a roll call vote on the original motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 3 NAY, 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Harris, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Smith, Gannon, Green.** Rep. Armstrong was ABSENT/EXCUSED. Rep. Zito will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 AM.

Representative Harris
Chair

Devon Powers
Secretary