

MINUTES
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2020

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Heider, Vice Chairman Brackett, Senators Bair, Johnson, Mortimer, Patrick, Guthrie, Stennett, and Jordan

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 Heider** called the meeting of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Johnson** moved to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2020. **Senator Jordan** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 27788 Unanimous Consent for Referral to a Privileged Committee for printing; relating to the Idaho Roadless Rule Implementation Commission

Senator Johnson presented that **RS 27788** was related to Idaho roadless rules implementation.

MOTION: **Senator Johnson** asked for unanimous consent to send **RS 27788** to the State Affairs Committee for a print hearing. There were no objections.

H 426 Relating to Fish and Game; to revise provisions regarding the commission's authority associated with tags, to revise powers and duties of the board, and declaring an emergency.

Aaron Lieberman, Executive Director, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, introduced himself and reported that this bill was to perfect the changes made in legislation passed last year regarding the laws governing the allocation and designation of deer and elk tags to outfitting operations. He explained that the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB) was tasked with implementing the statute according to its intent, and in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Office of the Governor, the Division of Financial Management, and hunt outfitters statewide, they developed amending language to address and solve concerns. He illustrated that this legislation does not make changes to fundamental concepts of the law and will have no effect on dedicated or General Funds; rather, it provides germane agencies with the authority and direction they have requested while providing predictability and opportunities for growth for outfitters.

TESTIMONY: **Paul Kline**, Deputy Director Programs/Policy, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), stated IDFG supported **H 426** since they worked closely with IOGLB regarding outfitter tag allocation. He reported these amendments would make this section of statute easier to understand.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Johnson** inquired regarding new definitions in Title 36 and if it was reviewed to see if there were any duplicate definitions. **Mr. Kline** advised that both agencies' deputy attorney generals reviewed the sections for duplication, to add definitions, and provide clarity.

TESTIMONY: **John Watts**, Boulder Creek Outfitters, detailed to the Committee that his organization was in complete support of the bill and they participated in the negotiation process. He stated that it took a long time to get it to this point and they were satisfied with the results.

MOTION: **Senator Stennett** moved to send **H 426** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Brackett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Stennett will carry the bill on the floor.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Heider** adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Senator Heider
Chair

Erin Miller
Secretary