

MINUTES
SENATE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Agenbroad, Senators Martin, Lakey, Guthrie, Thayn, Ward-Engelking, and Shank (Burgoyne)

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Souza

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CONVENED: **Chairman Patrick** called the meeting of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee (Committee) to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Lakey** moved to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2020. **Senator Thayn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

HONORING OF PAGE: **Chairman Patrick** honored Page Kilee Bement. He asked her to tell the Committee about her experiences at the Senate. **Ms. Bement** stated she has enjoyed her time at the Senate learning about how committees process legislation and how a bill becomes a law. She remarked she also learned about statements of purpose (SOP) and parliamentary procedure. **Ms. Bement** noted she plans to graduate from high school with the completion of approximately 39 college credits. She would like to go to Northwest Nazarene University to earn a bachelor's degree in communications and a master's to become a speech pathologist.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Guthrie** and **Ms. Bement** discussed the legislative process, what changes could be made, and how to teach the public to testify before a committee.

Senator Shank asked Ms. Bement what her favorite task was and which Senator she liked the best. **Ms. Bement** remarked she was not sure she had a favorite task. However, everyone knows who you are because of the red Senate vest and the public asks questions. She stated she appreciated Chairman Patrick and the professional conversations they have had. She thanked Vice Chairman Agenbroad for sponsoring her.

Vice Chairman Agenbroad stated he was proud of her, that she could have a political future, and hoped she returned to Victory Charter School to spread the word about the page program.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Heidi Hart, Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board (IHIEB)**, of Meridian, Idaho, term commencing April 4, 2019 and expiring April 4, 2021. **Ms. Hart** gave a brief overview of her background and job history. **Ms. Hart** noted she wanted to be on the IHIEB as she wanted to be an advocate and a voice for those in the community who needed insurance and assistance.

DISCUSSION: **Vice Chairman Agenbroad** and **Ms. Hart** discussed challenges in the marketplace. She mentioned she wanted to help management understand what kinds of issues consumers are dealing with.

- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Agenbroad** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Heidi Hart to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board to the floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Lakey** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:** **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Todd Lakey, State Insurance Fund Board (SIFB)**, of Meridian, Idaho, term commencing December 1, 2018 and expiring December 1, 2022. **Senator Lakey** gave a brief overview of his background. He noted his legal background has been helpful for the SIFB.
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Agenbroad** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Todd Lakey to the State Insurance Fund Board to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- H 415** **Relating to Modular Building Fees.** **Ron Whitney**, Deputy Administrator, Idaho Division of Building Safety (IDBS), reported this legislation will allow the IDBS and Factory Built Structures Advisory Board (FBSAB) to pass permit fee savings on to modular building manufacturers through a reduction of the permit fees provided in rule. He noted the Factory Built Structures Dedicated Fund (Fund) balance has been growing at a greater rate than is necessary to administer the modular building program. **Mr. Whitney** indicated this legislation will allow the IDBS to curtail the ongoing buildup of funds in the Fund while retaining a reserve balance that is sufficient to fund the modular building program in excess of two years. The IDBS and FBSAB were unable to accomplish the permit fee reduction through rulemaking during the past year because Idaho Code § 39-4303(1)(a) requires modular building permit fees to be "based on the 1997 Uniform Building Code Table 1-A."
- Mr. Whitney** noted this legislation will not have a fiscal impact on any general, federal, or dedicated funds. The rulemaking that results from this legislation will have a negative fiscal impact of approximately \$61,000 over the course of a fiscal year on the FBSDF due to the reduction of modular building permit fees.
- MOTION:** **Senator Thayn** moved to send **H 415** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Guthrie** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- HCR 036** **Relating to Idaho Wood Products.** **Representative Troy** outlined the provisions in the bill. She noted the bill urges that federal, state, local, and other building projects include safe, renewable, and environmentally friendly wood products grown and produced in Idaho in their building and construction plans. There is no cost to the General Fund or other municipalities or other funds because there are no requirements to use the products. She noted this resolution recognizes the role timberland and loggers play in the forests.
- MOTION:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to send **HCR 036** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lakey** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Patrick** adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Senator Patrick
Chair

Linda Kambeitz
Secretary