

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, January 21, 2021
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Lickley, Representative(s) Moyle, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Mendive, Kauffman, Blanksma, Addis, Moon, Manwaring, Okuniewicz, Yamamoto, Rubel, Davis, Mathias
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle, Davis
- GUESTS:** Norm Semanko, Parson Behle; Susan Buxton, Anna Canning, and Brian Beckley, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; Scott Phillips and Dustin Miller, Idaho Department of Lands
- Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Colonel Richard Goodman**, 366th Fighter Wing Commander, Mountain Home Air Force Base, presented an overview of the operations and community support of the Air Force Base in Mountain Home. He remarked the Base is a vital part of the National Defense, and has been in existence for 75 years. There are currently 3,461 active duty, 449 civilians, and 148 Air National Guard/Reserves. One project Colonel Goodman highlighted is the \$76 million water project. He explained the goal of the project is to develop a sustainable water system for the Base to relieve the pressure from the declining Mountain Home aquifer which is used by the city of Mountain Home. The project would entail construction of a pump and pipe system to get water from the Snake River to the Base. Once on Base, the water would be treated and used by the Base for consumption and irrigation. He explained to date funding for the project has moved forward through a combination of Air Force and State of Idaho funding.
- RS 28074:** **Scott Phillips**, Policy and Communications Chief, Idaho Department of Lands, stated this proposed legislation is simply housecleaning to remove **Idaho Code, Section 58-156**, which was a one-time land exchange event completed in 2002, so this section is no longer needed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Addis** made a motion to introduce **RS 28074. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 28092:** **Scott Phillips**, Policy and Communications Chief, Idaho Department of Lands, stated this proposed legislation will amend **Idaho Code, Section 38-1205**, which supports the Board of Scaling Practices' request to remove the PERSI component from its members compensation. He explained the Board members participating in Board meetings will still receive \$35 per day for attending meetings, but this compensation will no longer be counted towards PERSI service.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Okuniewicz** made a motion to introduce **RS 28092. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 28075:** **Susan Buxton**, Interim Director, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, stated this proposed legislation will remove nine sections within Idaho Code that are no longer necessary for the operations of the Department. The sections are as follows: **Idaho Code, Sections 67-4205, 67-4209, 67-4210, 67-4211, 67-4214, 67-4215, 67-4216, 67-4217, and 67-4229A.**

MOTION: Rep. Manwaring made a motion to introduce **RS 28075. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Representative Gibbs
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary