

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Monks

GUESTS: Jessica Marcu; Maj. Stephen Stokes, Cpt. Brandon Karpen, IMD; Jeff Neumeyer, United Heritage; Del Chapel; Nick Veldhouse, IAHD

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28090: **Major Stephen Stokes**, General Counsel, Idaho Army National Guard presented **RS 28090**. Major Stokes stated security personnel at the OCTC are not certified law enforcement officers and do not have the authority to arrest. The Idaho Military Division recommends striking the word "arrest" from Code. The Major also said security personnel do not attend the Idaho POST Academy. The requirement to attend does not reflect current procedures. The IMD requests striking the requirement to attend the POST academy from Code.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 28090**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28078: **Pete Koehler**, Interim Administrator, Veteran Services, presented **RS 28078**. Mr. Koehler said this proposed legislation eliminates outdated and unnecessary sections of Code related to state funding of Veterans Memorials.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 28078**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28079: **Pete Koehler** presented **RS 28079**. The proposed legislation repeals outdated and unnecessary sections of Code related to males over eighteen years of age.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 28079**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28328: **Rep. Gestrin** presented **RS 28328**. Rep. Gestrin stated the purpose of this proposed legislation is to enable the Idaho Transportation Department to issue a letter stating that a lien, filed properly with the department, shall be considered perfected, if ITD is not able to issue title in a timely manner. In answer to a committee question, Rep. Gestrin clarified this legislation pertains only to commercial dealerships where titles need to be processed quickly. He added, ITD converted to a new computer system and it is causing long delays with processing titles.

MOTON: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 28328**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 5: **Jeff Neumeyer**, Vice President and General Counsel, United Heritage, presented **H 5**. He stated the legislation clarifies the intent of Code relative to the use of global positioning or navigation systems by the operator of a motor vehicle. Use of these mobile electronic devices is permissible provided it is hands-free.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 5** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Speaking **in opposition** were **Jessica Marcu, Adrian Marcu, Del Chapel** and **Vitaliy Velich**. Business for entities delivering food, Uber Drivers and others who depend on use of GPS systems will be hampered if use of their device is totally hand-free.

Rep. Holtzclaw spoke **in opposition** stating it was his understanding the food delivery business has doubled in recent months. He doesn't want to get in the way of people earning a living.

Jeff Neumeyer responded to concerns by saying he's sensitive to the issues mentioned. Delivery drivers need access to their GPS. That is permissible if the device is stationed somewhere out of their hands. He added, this issue is now addressed on the new driver exam.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:**

Chairman Palmer stated he was in doubt regarding the voice vote and called for a roll call vote on the motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE, 4 NAY, 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Palmer, DeMordaunt, Youngblood, Dixon, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Gestrin, Holtzclaw, Okuniewicz, Shepherd. Reps. Monks and Harris** were **Absent/Excused. Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary