

MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 09, 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, Wood, Vander Woude, Kauffman, Mathias

**GUESTS:** Anna Canning and Susan Buxton, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; Yllka Nina, self; Jacinta Rigi, Lobby Idaho

**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28407:** **Rep. Blanksma**, District 23, stated this proposed legislation removes the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal representation to the Idaho Department of Lands, and allows the Department to hire or contract its own legal counsel on an as-needed basis at an estimated \$250 per hour. She noted this would generate an estimated \$382,311 in ongoing savings to the Attorney General's budget.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Okuniewicz** made a motion to introduce **RS 28407**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Gibbs** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Lickley**.

**DOCKET NO. 26-0000-2000F:** **Anna Canning**, Management Services Administrator, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, stated in 2019, the Department reviewed and identified obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary rules for elimination and those changes were presented and approved by the committee during the 2020 Session. She explained during the summer of 2020, the Department continued this review process and made one additional change which is before the committee today. This proposed change is in IDAPA 26.01.20.247 and was done in anticipation of possible changes to Idaho Code to raise the fee for the Idaho state parks passport, to also include a corresponding increase on the fee cap for the annual motor vehicle entrance fee from \$40 to \$80. Ms. Canning indicated this annual pass is primarily sold to nonresidents. They did not receive any comments opposing the fee cap increase.

In response to questions regarding the fee increase and who it will impact, **Ms. Canning** explained it's an annual fee program primarily used by nonresidents who frequently visit Idaho state parks, and purchase the annual pass because the state parks passport sticker is only available to residents. She stated the Department recently learned they have the authority to increase fees to nonresidents, so will be looking into that process including the possibility of a new sticker. When asked if she could provide the number of nonresident sales, Ms. Canning stated they do not track those sales so could not provide any data identifying the historical use of the annual motor vehicle pass by nonresidents vs residents.

**Chairman Lickley** requested the record reflect no one signed up for remote testimony and no one from the audience came forward to testify.

**MOTION:** Rep. Addis made a motion to approve **Docket No. 26-0000-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Moon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm.

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Representative Lickley  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary