

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 15, 2021
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Furniss
GUESTS: None

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Rep. Mathias made a motion to approve minutes from February 2, 2021 and February 3, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28388: **Rep. Green** presented **RS 28388** to allow candidates, incumbent or challenger, for either a House or Senate legislative seat to transfer up to the full balance of an established campaign account for one legislative seat into the account for a new legislative seat, as long as the total contributions from any one person or entity does not exceed the maximum allowed for either the primary or general election, during the same election cycle. This applies to both the House or Senate. Rep. Green stated this proposed legislation is of bipartisan benefit. It is especially important in a redistricting year.

In response to questions, **Rep. Green** said the money would follow the candidate and only apply to a change in legislative seats. If a candidate decides to run for a different seat, the \$1,000 donation limit per supporter stays in effect. There was a desire for clarification in language on page 1, line 14 to ensure that the money cannot be transferred to another candidate's account.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 28388** with amended language on page 1, line 15. It should read, ...of funds to that candidate's new campaign account. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28433: **Rep. Young** introduced **RS 28433** which adds a provision to the section of Idaho Code requiring agencies to include, as one of those measures, citizen engagement and satisfaction. Some agencies are currently doing this, using tools such as online surveys. Adding this requirement will give the agencies and the legislature valuable insight into how they are perceived by the citizens they are here to serve. If an agency does not directly engage the public, it would substitute employee engagement and satisfaction.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 28433**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Kelly Staskey
Secretary