

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, February 18, 2021
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW53
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Den Hartog, Vice Chairman Woodward, Senators Winder, Lodge, Rice, Vick, Crabtree, Nelson, and Wintrow
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chair Den Hartog** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.
- H 49** **Relating to Vehicle Titles. Representative Terry Gestrin** opened by describing the need for a letter to supplement as lien protection when a driver tries to obtain a title. The proposed bill, which will create a new section that enables Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to issue a letter stating a lien, filed properly with ITD, is considered perfected when the department is unable to issue a title in a timely manner. The bill has a sunset date of July 1, 2022.
- Senator Den Hartog** asked what language the letter will include and how people will be able to tell if it is fraudulent. **Alberto Gonzalez**, Division of Motor Vehicles Administrator, ITD, clarified the letter will be on ITD letterhead and will include vehicle-specific information to validate its authenticity.
- Senator Vick** inquired if the DMV's delay issuing titles is the same delay that is affecting licenses and tags. **Mr. Gonzalez** noted that while counties have lagged in processing, they are catching up and the delay should be remedied soon. In the near future, ITD will receive additional help to sort through any remaining backlogs, Mr. Gonzalez said.
- MOTION:** **Senator Crabtree** moved to send **H 49** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- S 1100** **Relating to Highways and Bridges. Jason Kreizenbeck**, presenting on behalf of Ada County Highway District, spoke on the importance of adding to the definition of "highway." The proposed legislation will include "warranted public transportation" and "bicycle" facilities, so it reflects current practices of other modes of transportation in some roadway designs.
- Senator Vick** requested clarification regarding the inclusion of maintenance and construction of proper draining mechanisms as it would apply to the expanded definition of "highway." **Mr. Kreizenbeck** affirmed expenditures on highways will remain possible, if required. The statute is written to allow inclusion of additional facilities and all roadway standards provide for drainage and collateral facilities.
- MOTION:** **Senator Nelson** moved to send **S 1100** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1101 **Relating to Highways and Bridges.** **Steve Price**, General Counsel, Ada County Highway District, said the proposed legislation addresses a narrow exception to the vacation petition process. He explained the change would provide recognition for the vacation or abandonment of unimproved or undeveloped platted public right-of-way in exchange for the dedication of new public right-of-way without compensation, as otherwise would be required by law. With these changes implemented, if a development doesn't go forward as planned, then a new development would be able to exchange the old right-of-way with the new right-of-way through a simplified process.

MOTION: **Senator Rice** moved to send **S 1101** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PAGE GRADUATION: **Senator Den Hartog** expressed how well Sophia Lind served the Committee during her time at the Legislature and congratulated her on completing her time as a page. The Committee presented a small gift and letters of appreciation to Ms. Lind; **Senator Rice** then asked what she learned during her time with the Committee. **Ms. Lind** answered that she admired how respectful and kind everyone has been. She stated the behavior she observed at the Legislature sets a great example for others to follow.

NOTES: **Chair Den Hartog** also recognized County Highway Commissioners in attendance at the Committee meeting and thanked them for joining.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chair Den Hartog** adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Senator Den Hartog
Chair

Emily Carlisle
Secretary