

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols (Brooks), Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Bundy, Adams

GUESTS: Kate Haas, Opportunity Solutions Project, Anthony Polidori, Department of Finance, Trent Wright, Bankers Association,

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

S 1049: **Rep. Furniss** presented **S 1049**, legislation regarding the Idaho Bank Act. Rep. Furniss stated the legislation would update the requirements for board members to participate in meetings remotely and remove the number of required board meetings per year. He said the legislation would also eliminate the requirement for the majority of directors on the board to reside in Idaho, update bank fees for excessive total assets, and remove a twenty percent write-down for bank-owned properties after a five year property ownership extension expires. He added the legislation related to associated rule making, only applies to State chartered banks, and that there was no opposition to the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1049** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Furniss** clarified the twenty percent property value removal only applied to repossessed properties and that theoretically, none of the board members would have to be residents of Idaho.

Those speaking **in support** were **Anthony Polidori**, Department of Finance, and **Trent Wright**, Idaho Bankers Association. Both spoke in favor of the legislation for banks across the State and addressed questions of Committee members.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 178: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **H 178**, legislation regarding apprenticeships. Rep. DeMordaunt stated the legislation would require State licensing authorities to issue licenses to apprenticeships. She stated the legislation would apply to all agencies that currently offer apprenticeships, as well as allow an opportunity to agencies for future apprenticeship programs to provide licenses.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. DeMordaunt** stated that all agencies categorized under professional licensing would be included in the legislation and the requirements for apprentices would still apply.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 178** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Shepherd declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

Speaking **in support** was **Kate Haas**, Opportunity Solutions Project. Mrs. Haas stated the legislation would help remove barriers and addressed previous Committee questions in relation to how many apprenticeship programs the legislation would apply to as well as details on how agencies and boards would handle the licensing process.

Rep. Crane declared **Rule 80**, stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

In opposition to the motion, **Rep. Berch** expressed concern of allowing all occupational and professional agencies to provide licenses to apprentices and felt apprehensive about supporting the legislation until he had a better understanding of what the ramifications may be.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. DeMordaunt will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary