

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 09, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

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

GUESTS: Tim Frost, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), Darcy Neidigh, DeBest Plumbing

MOTION: **Chairman Dixon** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Rep. Berch made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, March 1, and March 3, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. DeMordaunt spoke to **S 1024**, legislation regarding the hiring authority within DOPL. Rep. DeMordaunt provided background on the changes made last year to allow for the reorganization of DOPL and that the legislation would transfer hiring authority to the Division Administrator.

Rep. DeMordaunt spoke to **S 1026**, legislation that would update organizational statute for several licensing boards to the new agency name of Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL).

Rep. DeMordaunt spoke to **S 1056**, legislation regarding a universal fund for the eleven new boards under DOPL. Rep. DeMordaunt stated the legislation would rename the fund for each board.

Rep. DeMordaunt deferred to **Tim Frost**, Regulatory Affairs Manager, DOPL for the remainder of the presentation.

S 1024: **Mr. Frost** presented **S 1024**, legislation regarding the hiring authority within DOPL. Mr. Frost stated with the passage of this legislation, it would give hiring authority to DOPL's Division Administrator. He added the purpose of this legislation would allow for quality work, to be more in line with other agencies, and support staff with unique matters while still providing proper communication.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Frost** stated the legislation wouldn't change the classification of the boards, rule making process, or the statutory scheme. Mr. Frost said the leadership of the board would still be vested in the board members, and by giving authority for the Division Administrator to hire, it would allow for the needs of the boards to be met while also being fiscally responsible in the decision making process. He added that at this time, there wasn't anything specifically lined up for this process to be done through Administrative Rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1024** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Crane and **Dixon** declared Rule 80 on all pieces of legislation, stating a possible conflict of interest, but that they would be voting on the legislation.

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

S 1026: **Mr. Frost**, DOPL, presented **S 1026**, legislation that would update organizational statute for eleven licensing boards under the new agency name of Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL). Mr. Frost stated that all licensing boards previously under the Department of Self-governing Agencies, entities previously assigned to the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, and all boards under the previous Division of Building Safety would be referenced in statute under DOPL.

MOTION: **Rep. Ferch** made a motion to send **S 1026** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1056: **Mr. Frost**, DOPL, presented **S 1056**, legislation that would create a single occupational licenses fund for all eleven agencies now under DOPL. Mr. Frost stated the fund would be called the Occupational Licenses Fund, allow the new LUMA cost account structure to track fund details, and transition the current administrator duties of the previous Division of Building Safety to the DOPL Division Administrator.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1056** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **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 1:54 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary