

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Den Hartog, Vice Chairman Woodward, Senators Winder, Rice, Vick, Crabtree, Nelson, and Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Lodge

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 1:33 p.m. She noted certain agenda items would be reordered to accommodate presentations in other committees.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Crabtree** moved to approve the Minutes of Tuesday, February 23, 2021. **Senator Nelson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Senator Wintrow moved to approve the Minutes of Thursday, February 25, 2021. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Senator Woodward moved to approve the Minutes of Tuesday, March 2, 2021. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 165 **Relating to Custom Vehicle License Plates. Representative Dustin Manwaring** presented the bill to the Committee, explaining it would create a custom vehicle license plate for replica vehicles that don't qualify for an Idaho classic license plate. Custom vehicles would pay the regular registration fees, including the initial program fee and the annual program fee. There would be a one-time cost of \$4,000 to pay for Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) development of the program.

TESTIMONY: **Harlingen Van Hes**, a resident of Pocatello and representing himself, testified in support of **H 165**. He explained there is an increasing number of custom vehicles that do not qualify for the Idaho classic plate, and the proposed legislation would create a program to meet the growing demand.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Vick** inquired how much the fees would be for each applicant. **Representative Manwaring** clarified the program fee would be approximately \$15-\$25 each. **Senator Vick** then questioned who would pay the \$4,000 for program development. **Representative Manwaring** explained the funds would come from the State.

Senator Rice asked who would qualify for a custom plate. **Representative Manwaring** said vehicles that do not qualify for a classic plate, because they have major modifications, would qualify for the custom plate.

MOTION: **Senator Vick** moved to send **H 165** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Rice** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1169 **Relating to Highways and Bridges.** **Senator Woodward** presented the bill to the Committee and explained its purpose is to make clear delineations between commercial and noncommercial vehicles in regard to stopping at check stations. The way the current legislation is written, it unintentionally requires some noncommercial vehicles that are not the State's primary concern to stop at check stations he said. The proposed legislation also clarifies when vehicles carrying livestock are and are not required to stop at check stations.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Wintrow** asked for clarification regarding the purpose of check stations. **Senator Woodward** explained they have several purposes and the two largest are promoting roadway safety and preventing theft.

TESTIMONY: **Elizabeth Criner**, on behalf of J.R. Simplot Company, testified in opposition of **S 1169** as it is currently written. She said they have concerns regarding the stopping of vehicles that are transporting livestock, because brand inspection is critical and needs to be clearly addressed in the proposed legislation.

Wyatt Prescott, on behalf of Idaho Cattle Association (ICA), testified in opposition of **S 1169** as it is currently written. He stated ICA would like to ensure the theft of livestock is adequately addressed in the proposed language. **Mr. Prescott** explained that by removing the stop requirement for noncommercial vehicles under 26,000 pounds, it could be possible for stolen livestock to be transported and not caught at a check station.

Bob Naerebout, on behalf of Idaho Dairymen's Association (IDA), testified in opposition of **S 1169** as it is currently written. He stated IDA shares the same concerns as ICA.

MOTION: **Senator Crabtree** moved to send **S 1169** to the 14th Order of Business for possible amendment. **Senator Rice** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

H 131 **Relating to County Commissioners and Highway Officers.** **Jason Kreizenbeck**, on behalf of Ada County Highway District, presented the bill to the Committee. He explained how population growth in the State has created a greater number of individuals walking and biking on sidewalks. The proposed legislation would allow governing boards the ability to develop sidewalks greater than 8 feet to accommodate the higher volume of sidewalk traffic.

MOTION: **Senator Rice** moved to send **H 131** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Woodward** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business at this time, **Chair Den Hartog** adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Senator Den Hartog
Chair

Emily Carlisle
Secretary