

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 03, 2022

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:** Rep. Andrus, Bundy

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

RS 29275: **Vice Chairman Furniss** presented **RS 29275**. This proposed legislation allows the State Treasurer to provide financial education for the purpose of increasing financial literacy and preparedness for retirement. It provides for a review of retirement savings vehicles and a portal to highlight options for individual retirement accounts for private sector employer informative purposes.

Vice Chairman Furniss said the majority of Idahoans are vastly unprepared, financially, for retirement and most private-sector employees in Idaho do not offer a retirement plan at work. When retirees have adequate money upon retirement they rely less on safety net programs. This proposed legislation leverages existing resources and provides access to low dollar IRA's.

Vice Chairman Furniss stated no additional appropriation would be needed. The information provided through this legislation would be hosted on the Treasurer's website and any costs for updating the website could be accommodated within the current appropriation.

MOTION: **Rep. Adams** made a motion to introduce **RS 29275**.

In response to questions, **Vice Chairman Furniss** stated many states have implemented these types of programs and most have done very well, accumulating assets. The 529 program works well because it will connect this program to the IRA, promoting them together. Reaching out to businesses who are doing the 529 and offering the connection to the IRA. Vendors will need to go through the Request for Proposals process to be listed on the Treasurer's website.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
24-0000-2100:** **Tim Frost**, Deputy Administrator, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) presented **Docket No. 24-0000-2100**, a pending rule. Before starting, he introduced **Michelle Bird**, Building Construction and Real Estate Bureau Chief, DOPL. Mr. Frost highlighted two chapters with changes. He said all other chapters have been previously reviewed and approved by the Legislature and have not been changed in the past year. All of the Rules were reviewed in accordance with the Red Line Reduction Act.

**RULE
CHAPTER
24.39.60:**

Mr. Frost presented **Rule Chapter 24.39.60 Uniform School building Safety**. Four (4) definitions were removed from this rule chapter: Division, Administrator, Imminent Safety Hazard, and Serious Safety Hazard. These definitions are previously defined in **Idaho Code, Section 39-8004**. There were no other substantive changes.

**RULE
CHAPTER
24.39.80:**

Mr. Frost presented **Rules Chapter 24.39.80. Idaho Minimum Safety Standards and Practices for Logging Safety**. Several definitions were removed from **Rules 7-10** because they are not used in this rule chapter. They do not provide any benefit to the enforcement of the Logging Safety Program.

Concerns were expressed about the definition of "qualified person" and if this is left in the Rule, it could open the door for stricter regulations in the future. There was also a concern if options are removed from this chapter, it may infer there are no requirements.

In response to questions, **Mr. Frost** clarified, "qualified person", is located in **Chapter 24.39.80, Rule .012, Employers Responsibility, Sub-section 02, Sub-section D**. It is the decision of the employer to identify the qualified person. Loggers do not need a college degree to be qualified to conduct safety inspections. **Mr. Frost** clarified no baseline qualifications were changed. DOPL does not license logging contractors nor the employer or employees underneath them. It was noted the Associated Logging Contractors support all of the proposed changes, as presented.

Mr. Frost stated redundant and unnecessary language was removed from **Rule 13**. He indicated the red-lines between **Rule 13** and **Rule 453** contain no substantive changes.

Mr. Frost said language describing logging equipment was removed from **Rule 453** because it does not assist in the enforcement of safe logging practices, it was deemed unnecessary. He also indicated picture diagrams were removed from **Rule 456**. The diagrams conveyed various options for logging operations to use but those particular options are not required to be used. **Mr. Frost** said DOPL may create an education manual containing this type of informative information in the future.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Furniss made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0000-2100**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Crane made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0000-2100**, but strike the words "by a qualified person", in **Chapter 24-39-80.012, Sub-section 2, Sub-section D**.

During committee discussion, it was stated the committee needs to understand the logic behind adding the words, "qualified person".

Mr. Frost provided context to **Rule 12**, stating regular safety inspections are conducted regularly, and the intent was to add a qualifier to the language.

Rep. Shepherd said he has extensive experience as a logger and has done every phase of what is included in this section. He indicated a person with a certificate or degree may be deemed qualified but if they do not have extensive experience in the field, they may not be able to identify mechanical problems. It may provide a false sense of security. He said, "qualified person" should not be included.

Rep. Clow stated the committee is reviewing an Omnibus bill. While the committee is looking at a red-line version of the document and cannot edit the content. A motion would have to be made to reject **Sub-section D**, in its entirety.

Rep. Crane clarified the intent of his motion was to help the Senate understand the committee's area of concern, letting them know the Committee wants to approve the Docket, excluding the area of concern. **Rep. Crane** asked for a ruling from the Rules Administrator. He suggested **Mr. Frost** continue to present the DOPL rules and the committee vote on the Rules in a future meeting.

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN:**

Rep. Crane asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his substitute motion. With no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN:**

Vice Chairman Furniss asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his original motion. With no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

Chairman Dixon stated the committee will not vote until clarification is received from the Rules Administrator.

**DOCKET NO.
24-0000-2100F:**

Tim Frost presented **Docket No. 24-0000-2100F**, a pending rule regarding reauthorization of fee rules for DOPL. He stated he will highlight chapters with changes.

24.05.01 Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Mr. Frost indicated the board made a simple change. They want to provide for an apprenticeship program model for individuals who attain a Class 3 operator's license. This will provide additional educational options outside of a college experience.

Chairman Dixon stopped **Mr. Frost** and informed him the committee does not have the red-line information in their printed materials. He stated he does not want to continue until he can be assured that the committee has all of the needed information in front of them.

MOTION:

Rep. Crane made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Kelly Staskey
Secretary