

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 08, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative DeMordaunt

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29385: **Rep. Adams** stated the purpose of this proposed legislation is to recognize MISSION43, its efforts and leadership in ensuring that military Veterans, their spouses, and their children are welcome and given the opportunity to pursue the American dream.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 29385** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Adams** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 29338: The purpose of this legislation, proposed by **Rep. Adams**, is to ensure all eligible family members will be able to apply for and display the Idaho Gold Star license plate. The proposed legislation brings Idaho code in line with the eligibility requirements set forth by national organizations supporting Gold Star Families.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 29338**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29286: **Rep. Adams** stated, the purpose of this proposed legislation is to streamline a method for disposal of abandoned and unclaimed low value vehicles.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 29286**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29281: **Rep. Christensen** presented **RS 29281**, proposed legislation to allow school bus drivers to drive 70 miles per hour on interstate highways despite Idaho Board of Education rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 29281**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29198: **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 29198**, proposed legislation to provide for the redesign of the amateur radio license plate. It also designates authority for approval of future designs of the plate. In answer to committee questions, Rep. Mitchell stressed this is not a new license plate, but a redesign of the current one. He will bring details of the license plate design and confirm who will bear the burden of the cost.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 29198**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 29163:** **Rep. Mitchell** said the proposed legislation amends Idaho code to provide for American Legion or Veteran of Foreign War designation on the existing veterans license plates.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 29163**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29015C2:** **Rep. Gestrin** presented **RS 29015C2**. The proposed legislation will increase the OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) fee from \$1.50 to \$3.00.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 29015C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Palmer** put the committee at ease at 1:50 p.m.
- Chairman Palmer** resumed the meeting at 1:51 p.m.
- RS 29283:** **Rep. Kauffman** stated the proposed legislation increases the support the military division can provide to Idaho Wing, Civil Air Patrol.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce **RS 29283**. **Rep. Palmer** declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest, but he will be voting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary