

MINUTES  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 21, 2022

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Guthrie, Senators Winder, Anthon, Harris, Lee, Heider, Stennett, and Burgoyne

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**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:** **Chairwoman Lodge** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:03 a.m.

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE:** **VOTE ON THE GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT** of Robert Donaldson to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board (IEFIB).

**MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Donaldson to the IEFIB to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Vice Chairman Guthrie** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Winder** stated that Mr. Donaldson was well qualified and motivated. He said Mr. Donaldson's education background will be helpful to the IEFIB.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Donaldson to the IEFIB to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 29123** **RELATED TO CODIFIER'S CORRECTIONS** to make codifier and technical corrections to the Idaho Code.

**Elizabeth Bowen**, Legislative Services Office, stated the proposed legislation makes minor technical corrections to 35 sections and 1 chapter of Idaho Code.

**MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved to send **RS 29123** to print. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 29580** **Chairwoman Lodge** announced that **RS 29580** would be heard at a later time.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Chairwoman Lodge passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Guthrie.

**RS 29604** **RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE** to revise provisions regarding campaign finance reporting.

**Chairwoman Lodge** said the proposed legislation would require any candidate for local or state office to begin filing monthly campaign finance reports after receiving a total of \$500 in campaign contributions.

**MOTION:** **Senator Lee** moved to send **RS 29604** to print. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Winder** asked for clarification that monthly reporting would be required even if the candidate received no additional donations beyond \$500. **Chairwoman Lodge** answered yes. She added the bill would provide transparency throughout the year.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion to send **RS 29604** to print carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 29605** **RELATING TO CAMPAIGNS** to affirm availability of campaign contact information.

**Ken Burgess**, Idaho Press Club, informed the Committee the proposed legislation would require the Secretary of State to disclose candidate email addresses and phone numbers as public information upon request. **Mr. Burgess** remarked that the bill included an emergency clause. He expressed his hope that the law could take effect prior to the start of the February 28, 2022 candidate filing period.

**MOTION:** **Senator Heider** moved to send **RS 29605** to print. **Chairwoman Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Vice Chairman Guthrie passed the gavel to Chairwoman Lodge.

**RS 29580** **RELATING TO HEALTH** to establish provisions that would ensure patients of health facilities could be visited by one essential caregiver of their choice.

**Senator Stennett** presented the proposed legislation which would require health care facilities to admit one caregiver to assist with a patient. She reported difficulties for dementia patients who could not accurately respond to questions and were prohibited from having a caregiver present due to pandemic protocols. **Senator Stennett** added that the caregiver would be required to follow all other facility requirements.

**MOTION:** **Senator Lee** moved to send **RS 29580** to print. **Vice Chairman Guthrie** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

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Senator Lodge  
Chair

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Twyla Melton  
Secretary

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Jeanne Jackson-Heim  
Assistant Secretary