

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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 Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 29495: **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 29495** which seeks to amend the existing state ban on female genital mutilation, while adding criteria such as puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex-reassignment, and to add both male and female children, instead of just female children. Rep. Skaug iterated that young children are too young to make decisions regarding changes to their autonomies that are extremely serious and are almost always irreversible, and no one else should be making those decisions for them either.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 29495**.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Rep. Hanks** requested a roll call vote on **RS 29495**. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE, 1 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chair Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, and Mathias. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep. Gannon**.

RS 29596C1: **Rep. Giddings** presented **RS 29596C1** which clarifies existing law and strengthens the enforcement of Idaho's preemption policy by ensuring Idaho's local governments do not infringe on an individual's ability to carry a firearm in public for the matter of self-defense on private property that is rented, leased, or permitted for short durations for special events. It does not affect rental property, nor long-term leases and uses of public property by private entities.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29596C1**.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Rep. Hanks** requested a roll call vote on **RS 29596C1**. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 0 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Vice Chair Armstrong, Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, and Mathias**.

RS 29399: **Sen. Zito** presented **RS 29399** which enhances and strengthens "stand your ground. If a person charged with unlawful use of force is presumes innocent until prosecution proves otherwise, it also provides immunity and reimbursement for justifiable homicide. She said, the county or prosecuting state agency should reimburse the defendant for all reasonable costs

MOTION: **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29399**.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rep. Hanks requested a roll call vote on **RS 29399. Motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE, 0 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Crane, Vice Chair Armstrong, Reps. Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, and Mathias. Reps. Palmer and Monks were absent/excused.**

H 659: Rep. Giddings presented **H 659** which allows the public to examine election records to ensure that individuals who are deceased be removed from the voter roles. Currently, the Secretary of State, and the Department of Health and Welfare do not allow these lists to be available to the public. This legislation would allow the lists of those individuals who have died become public to better validate and clean voter registration roles.

Blake Youde testified in opposition of **H 659**. He represents Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks. Stating their concern with the interference with the Idaho's Public Information laws which protects Idahoan's of the public release of information. The concern is with needing additional information to verify the identity of the person. If there are multiple people with the same name living in roughly the same area, more information would be needed to accurately identify the person. For example, this information could be a birth date, driver's license, or address. In response to committee questions, Mr. Youde responded that the biggest concern is that of other individuals using personal information of deceased persons in an inappropriate or wrong manner.

Steve Madden, from Ada County testified in support of **H 659**. He stated voter integrity is of the utmost importance. He stated people who are casting votes with integrity have the right to cast their vote.

Chairman Crane gave the option to **HOLD H 659** in committee for one day to come to a better resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Scott made a motion to **HOLD H 659** in committee for time certain, February 23, 2022. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary