

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 23, 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:** Representative(s) Monks, Furniss, Mathias
- 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.
- H 659:** **H 659** was brought before the committee.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD H 659** in committee at the call of the chair.
Motion carried by voice vote.
- H 646:** **Rep. McCrostie** presented **H 646** which adds mead, cider, and other fermented beverages to the list of allowed home-brewed products and provides that these certain products are allowed to be transported to and stored at licensed breweries or wineries for organized tasting events, exhibitions, and contests. Previously, these kinds of alcoholic beverages were not allowed to be stored at these types of events and this legislation will allow for this change, whereas current limitations only permit beer.
- David Reish**, Vice President of the Snake River Brewers testified **in support** of the bill and stated it will bring Idaho up to speed, as 38 states have enacted similar legislation that allows home-brewers to meet at licensed facilities, hold competitions, etc.
- Rep. Armstrong** clarified that this bill will not allow for the sale of any types of these beverages, and **Rep. McCrostie** assured that this legislation does not allow for that to happen.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 646** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 647:** **Rep. Nichols** presented **H 647** which adds a new section to Idaho Code stating that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects cannot be granted personhood. There are groups giving personhood to natural resources, and keeping them from being utilized. She stated there was a tree planted on an individual's property, the person passed away, and the tree was given personhood status.
- Rep. Barbieri** commended **Rep. Nichols** for her research and the information she provided the committee regarding this subject.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 647** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Nichols** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary