

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Guthrie, Vice Chairman Bernt, Senators Winder, Anthon, Harris, Lee, Toews, Wintrow, and Ruchti

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

RS 30062 **Proposing an Amendment - Section 1, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho. Senator Okuniewicz** explained **RS 30062** as a Joint Resolution designed to more fairly distribute voter involvement for initiatives and referenda. It will ensure 35 legislative districts are considered versus only 18 legislative districts currently. If passed by the Legislature, this Joint Resolution would be placed on the November 2024 General Election ballot. He asked that **RS 30062** be approved and sent to print.

MOTION: **Senator Anthon** moved to send **RS 30062** to print. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Guthrie passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Bernt.

NOTE: **Vice Chairman Bernt** advised of changes to the agenda. Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) was unable to present this morning so **Docket Nos. 31-6101-2201** and **31-8101-2201** will be rescheduled.

Vice Chairman Bernt stated Tim Frost, Deputy Administrator, Division of Occupational & Professional Licenses (IDOPL), had another commitment and would be moved up on the agenda.

DOCKET NO. 24-0201-2200F **Rules of the State Athletic Commission, Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule); Proposed Rule. Mr. Frost** stated **Docket No. 24-0201-2200F** offered no changes to the chapter. He said it would be reviewed and presented at the 2024 Legislative Session and asked that the rule be approved.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to approve **Docket No. 24-0201-2200F**. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 15-0601-2201 **Rules Governing the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Lt. Col. Tschampl** explained **Docket No. 15-601-2201** was reviewed and streamlined to remove unnecessary wording. She requested it be approved.

MOTION: **Senator Lee** moved to approve **Docket No. 15-0601-2201**. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO
15-1001-2201**

Rules of the Idaho State Liquor Division. Jeffery Anderson, Director of the Idaho State Liquor Division, explained that after a review of the rules as part of the Red Tape Reduction Act, 1,319 words were eliminated without changes to the fee rules.

MOTION:

Senator Ruchti moved to approve **Docket No. 15-1001-2201**. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Vice Chairman Bernt passed the gavel back to Chairman Guthrie.

**GUBERNATORIAL
REAPPOINTMENT:**

The Gubernatorial Reappointment of Joe McNeal to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to serve a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring July 1, 2024. In a telephone interview, **Mr. McNeal** shared he was a resident of Mountain Home, ID and had served on the Commission under three different Governors. He said he was a 26-year veteran of the United States Air Force, past Mayor of Mountain Home, and past member of the Senate and House of Representatives for Idaho.

Chairman Guthrie thanked Mr. McNeal for his service and asked what challenges he saw on the commission. **Mr. McNeal** responded by praising the Commission staff and its Director for a smooth running operation. He found the group worked cohesively and generally had good outcomes.

Chairman Guthrie told Mr. McNeal the Committee would vote on his reappointment at its meeting on January 27, 2023.

**GUBERNATORIAL
REAPPOINTMENT
VOTE:**

Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Rayelle Anderson to the Bingo-Raffle Advisory Board to serve a term commencing January 7, 2022 and expiring January 7, 2025.

MOTION:

Senator Toews moved to send the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Rayelle Anderson to the Bingo-Raffle Advisory Board to the floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL
REAPPOINTMENT
VOTE:**

Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Michael Mooney to the Idaho Energy Resource Authority to serve a term commencing June 30, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2025

MOTION:

Senator Winder moved to send the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Michael Mooney to the Idaho Energy Resource Authority to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL
APPOINTMENT
VOTE:**

Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Appointment of Albert Gonzalez as Administrator of Information Technology Services for a term commencing September 28, 2022 and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

MOTION:

Senator Bernt moved to send the Gubernatorial Appointment of Alberto Gonzalez as Administrator of Information Technology Services to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Guthrie** adjourned the meeting at 8:25.

Senator Guthrie
Chair

Joyce Brewer
Secretary