

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, January 26, 2023
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW05
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Clow, Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Cornilles, Dixon(24), Hawkins, Healey, Price, Wroten, Berch, Green (Miller), Galaviz
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Kingsley, Rep. Clow
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- Chairman Ehardt** called the meeting into order at 1:30 PM.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Ehardt** acknowledge members of the audience, specifically the mayor and city council members of the City of Idaho Falls.
- RS 30126C1:** **Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 30126C1** and said this proposed legislation would allow a data center to either get the sales tax exemption or get the benefit of being in an urban renewal district, rather than getting both. He clarified the bill is drafted so the value of the data center goes into the tax base, which would affect property tax payers by lowering levy rates as a result of the data center's value being added into the tax base.
- When answering questions, he clarified **Rep. Gannon** was only aware of one data center opening in Idaho at this time.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 30126C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 30048:** **Rep. Berch** presented **RS 30048**, and explained how this proposed legislation would enable local municipalities to increase their minimum wage. He stated this proposed legislation would not require local governments to change their minimum wage or set any new requirements to the minimum wage. This proposed legislation would allow local governments to enact a minimum wage that would allow them to better handle the micro-economics of their own community.
- Rep. Price** pointed out a grammatical error in the SOP.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 30048**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 30096:** **Rep. Erickson** yielded his time to **Julie Hart**, representing the City of Idaho Falls. She presented **RS 30096** and explained how it was similar to another bill, **H 618**, that was presented last year. The proposed legislation would define unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The term is currently used in statute, but is not defined. This would codify the definition, as well as codify a decision by the Idaho Supreme Court between the City of Idaho Falls and the Post Register. This is to help prevent the release of information of victims of domestic violence or mass violence, and to help prevent costly court cases between cities and news outlets on what can and cannot be released.

When answering questions, **Ms. Hart** clarified the context of information this proposed legislation would prevent from becoming public information, such as police reports that contain sensitive information involving juveniles, domestic violence, or mass violence.

MOTION: **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to introduce **RS 30096. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary