

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 27, 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 State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:04 a.m.

RS 30105 **Relating to Immigration. Senator Foreman** relayed this legislation would amend Title 19 of the Idaho Code by adding a new Chapter 60 to provide for the enforcement of federal immigration law, and provide procedures for the Idaho Attorney General to seek equitable relief from a governmental agency found in violation of Title 19.

MOTION: **Senator Anthon** moved to send **RS 30105** to print. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote** with Senator Wintrow recorded as voting no.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Gubernatorial Appointment of Edward Lodge to the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a term commencing January 10, 2023 and to expire January 10, 2029. Mr. Lodge** said he appreciated the opportunity to serve and planned to listen and learn about the needs of the public and the industry. He vowed to make sound decisions and get positive results for the State.

Chairman Guthrie said the Committee would vote on this appointment at the next meeting.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: **Gubernatorial Reappointment of Michael Elliott to the Idaho Energy Resource Authority (Authority) for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2026. Mr. Elliott,** Director of the Authority, shared a little about his lengthy local and international career as an engineer, which was always in the area of energy.

Senators Anthon and **Winder** noted Mr. Elliott's 40 plus years of service to the State of Idaho, concluding he was well qualified for this job.

Chairman Guthrie said the Committee would vote on this reappointment at the next meeting.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: **Gubernatorial Reappointment of Jeffrey Anderson as Director of the State Liquor Division (Division) for a term commencing January 7, 2022 and to expire January 7, 2025. Mr. Anderson** said he served as the Division's executive officer since 2010 and was grateful for the trust of the Governor and the Senate. He reported the Division's 2010 to 2022 annual revenues increased from \$137 million to \$305 million, and annual distributions to stakeholders increased from \$47 million to \$116 million.

Chairman Guthrie said the Committee would vote on this reappointment at the next meeting.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE: **Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Joe McNeal to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.**

Senator Harris moved to send the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Joe McNeal to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE: **Gubernatorial Reappointment of Janet Gallimore as State Historic Preservation Officer.**

Senator Lee moved to send the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Janet Gallimore to the floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Lee** moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023. **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 8:34 a.m.

Senator Guthrie
Chair

Joyce Brewer
Secretary