

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 08, 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 8:00 a.m.

S 1044 **Codifier's Corrections - Amends existing law to make codifier's corrections.** **Elizabeth Bowen**, Drafting Attorney, Legislative Services Office, explained editors and proofreaders peruse bills annually that passed legislation during the Legislative Session. All are reviewed for amended chapters, surplus language, renumbering, redundancy, inconsistency, spelling, grammar, and other miscellaneous corrections. This year there were 32 bills sections removing 27 sections of the Idaho Code plus three chapters and eight sections in bills removing surplus language. **Ms. Bowen** submitted the attached documents as examples of some codifier corrections in support of **S 1044** (Attachment 1).

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to send **S 1044** to the Senate with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 30243 **Relating to Military and Militia; Repealing Section 46-802, Idaho Code.** **Senator Foreman** explained **RS 30243** was similar to what became S 1007 earlier this year. This rewritten legislation would replace existing Idaho Code § 46-802 by the addition of a new section to Chapter 8, Title 46, Idaho Code. He referenced the First and Second Amendments of the U. S. Constitution and emphasized the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. **Senator Foreman** declared **RS 30243** removed the restrictions on a group parading in public with firearms unless they were members of a select group such as the National Guard or a militia called into service. He noted the concept and traditions of armed citizen militia from colonial days and the era of George Washington, adding this legislation did not relieve any citizen of full compliance with existing gun laws or other existing laws. **Senator Foreman** advised his legislation was reviewed by the Attorney General's office, who responded they had no concerns with **RS 30243** in regards to the State of U. S. Constitution.

Senator Wintrow asked the difference between **RS 30243** and S 1007 that **Senator Foreman** previously presented. **Senator Foreman** clarified that **RS 30243** kept part of the existing code stating it would be illegal for cities or towns to spend public money to create a private militia.

MOTION: **Senator Toews** moved to send **RS 30243** to print. **Senator Bernt** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote** with Senator Wintrow recorded as voting no.

RS 30246 **Relating to the Protection of Minors; Amending Title 48, Idaho Code. Senator Winder** explained **RS 30246** would require internet filters for cell phones of juveniles. The filters would be under the control of the parents/guardians for the purpose of helping to keep young people isolated from pornography on the internet.

MOTION: **Senator Anthon** moved to send **RS 30246** to print. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Approval of the minutes of January 27, 2023.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2023. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Guthrie** adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Senator Guthrie
Chair

Joyce Brewer
Secretary