

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 09, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Ehlers, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Dixon(1), Andrus, Furniss, Mitchell, Monks, Cornilles, Crane(12), Lanting, Petzke, Redman, Berch, Green, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Crane(12), Monks, Rubel

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 Clow called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Ehlers**

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023, January 23, 2023, January 25, 2023 and January 31, 2023 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30177: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 30177** to the committee explaining it is an update to statute to make cancelling online subscriptions as simple as it is to subscribe in the first place. This does not include certain industries which are already regulated at the state or federal level.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 30177**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chair Ehlers turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

H 74: **Rep. Crane(13)** explained the purpose of **H74** is to create a universal work recognition licensure pathway for individuals with four years of work experience in the military, another state, district, or territory of the United States which does not require a license to regulate that person's profession or occupation but for which Idaho uses a license to regulate a profession or occupation. **Rep. Crane(13)** gave the example of HVAC contractors. He explained more than half of states in the United States do not have journeyman requirements to be an HVAC contractor. In addition, he explained the military has no journeyman provision.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Crane(13)** shared there is a requirement for a certain number of documented hours in addition to sitting for the competency test. He also explained an applicant's previous criminal convictions are still subject to the licensing authority's determination.

Chairman Clow opened the legislation to public testimony. No one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 74** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried with a voice vote.** **Rep. Crane(13)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

In accordance with statute, **Tim Frost**, Division Deputy Administrator, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (IDOPL) appeared before the committee to report on the department's performance, including goals set and their achievements.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Frost** shared disparity in some reported numbers from year to year were due to a change in the way new licenses are processed. In addition, there was underreporting of complaints and disciplinary actions taken by the previous organization. He further shared that the rise in numbers to the Boards of Medicine and Nursing were due to COVID-19. Mr. Frost also explained the purpose of the prescription drug monitoring program.

Chairman Clow thanked **Mr. Frost** for coming before the committee to share the information. He also requested the committee forward any performance measure suggestions they would like to have IDOPL include in their next performance report to the committee.

In accordance with statute, **Patricia Perkins**, Director, Idaho Department of Finance appeared before the committee to report on the department's performance, including goals set and their achievements. She also shared top challenges and how the department is addressing them.

Ms. Perkins introduced **Anthony Polidori**, Deputy Director, Department of Finance who further reported on the department's performance.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Polidori** explained the number of title and payday lenders is accurate and shared how the law passed several years ago impacted that industry. He further explained the metric used to calculate the number of compliance exams and shared the metric should be clarified in future reporting. Mr. Polidori also clarified the source of revenue received by the department includes licensing fees, assessments made to banks and credit unions as well as fines levied against those in violation of the law. The fines often cause a spike in the agency's revenue depending on the year. He went on to clarify the agency's fees are amongst the lowest in the country. Mr. Polidori also shared the department is working to increase their consumer outreach specifically putting out press releases and updating the department's website to make it more consumer-friendly.

Chairman Clow asked **Vice Chair Ehlers** to give a report on the status of one of the partial rules the committee previously rejected.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Michelle Anderson
Secretary