

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 09, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Den Hartog, Senators Winder, Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, Rabe, and Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Chairman Okuniewicz

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CONVENED: **Vice Chair Den Hartog** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Den Hartog explained Chairman Okuniewicz was presenting in another committee and the need to rearrange the order of the Agenda due to presenters schedules. She stated the order would be **H 7, H 9, H 8, RS 30146, and RS 30291.**

H 7 **TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to disqualify a driver convicted of human trafficking from holding a commercial driver's license for a specified period. Representative Handy** explained the bill would cancel the CDL of anyone convicted of human trafficking. He stated the bill was endorsed by the Motor Carrier Advisory Committee for the governor, the American Trucking Association, and the Idaho Trucking Association.

MOTION: **Senator Hart** moved to send **H 7** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Rabe** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote.**

H 9 **TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to provide for the electronic renewal of commercial driver's licenses and to provide for the sharing of residency information between the Idaho State Tax Commission and the Idaho Transportation Department. Representative Manwaring** stated the bill added authorization to complete Commercial Driver's License (CDL) renewal online. It also authorized the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to access information from the Idaho Tax Commission to help confirm residency, which was a federal requirement necessary for CDL renewals. The DMV would not receive any financial information. **Representative Manwaring** relayed the proposal was endorsed by the Trucking Advisory Council and the Idaho Trucking Association.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Carlson** asked if a person had not filed Idaho taxes what would happen. **Brian Goeke**, DMV Policy Manager, answered that the CDL holder would be able to go into the DMV in person to provide the necessary documentation if unable to renew online.

MOTION: **Senator Rabe** moved to send **H 9** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote.**

H 8 **TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to provide for temporary vehicle permits pursuant to board rule.** **Brian Goeke** explained the bill seeks to eliminate two outdated provisions of Idaho Code. The first removed unnecessarily restrictive provisions to purchase a 30 day unladen permit as there was no need for those additional requirements today. The second eliminated the requirement for temporary permits to be printed and posted in the window of a vehicle as they are available electronically. The bill was reviewed by the Idaho State Police and they did not have any issues removing the requirement.

MOTION: **Senator Carlson** moved to send **H 8** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

Vice Chair Den Hartog put the Committee at ease to present the next RS.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chair Den Hartog passed the gavel to Senator Winder.

RS 30146 **Related to Vehicle Titles.** **Senator Den Hartog** stated there was a law passed in 2022 updating the Electronic Vehicle Credential (EVC) program. The program allowed dealers to issue a 40 day temporary registration for anyone that filed electronically for their registration at the time of purchase. She relayed that the Idaho Transportation Department had been working with all of the entities involved in the EVC program and were asking to extend the temporary registration to 45 days.

MOTION: **Senator Rabe** moved to send **RS 30146** to print. **Senator Toews** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 30291 **Related to Electric Vehicle Road Usage Fees.** **Senator Den Hartog** explained that there were additional vehicle registration fees for electric vehicles and plug in hybrids. This would not change or increase that fee but introduced an optional program. The optional program would allow the owner to choose to participate in a program where their mileage would be tracked. They would choose to pay a penny per mile for the vehicle miles traveled. Those who opted into the program would never pay more than \$140 which was the additional fee of for electric vehicles.

MOTION: **Senator Toews** moved to send **RS 30291** to print. **Senator Just** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Senator Winder** adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Lena Amoah
Secretary