

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 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. Barbieri, 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 thanked page **Cache Miller** for his service and presented him with a gift from the committee.

H 116: **Rep. Shepherd** introduced himself and presented **H 116** to the committee. He explained this is the "click on- click off" bill. He further shared companies sometimes make subscribing online easy, while making it excessively difficult to unsubscribe or they charge fees. This bill allows subscribers to unsubscribe at no cost, have at least one reasonable unsubscribe option, and no frivolous lawsuits. This bill will not apply to companies which are already regulated by state or federal law.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send H 116 to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a voice vote.** **Rep. Shepherd** will sponsor the bill on the house floor.

Director Dean Cameron from the Department of Insurance introduced Deputy Director **Wes Trexler**, Company Activities Bureau Chief, **Eric Fletcher**, Consumer Services Bureau Chief, **Randy Pipal**, Market Oversight Bureau Chief, **Shannon Hohl**, Public Information Officer, **Julie Robinson**, and Idaho State Fire Marshal, **Knute Sandahl**.

In accordance with statute, **Director Cameron** reported on the Department of Insurance's performance, including goals set and their achievements.

In response to committee questions, **Director Cameron** clarified the figures shown for total number of producer licenses do not include inactive, dormant, or terminated licenses. He also shared the department does have fire investigation data classified by category of fire. He explained the two reasons no licenses were denied for the reporting period are: department staff takes a collaborative approach and guides applicants through the process, the other is when applicants learn they will be denied due to a criminal issue, rather than wait for a denial, they withdraw the application instead. **Director Cameron** also clarified how the calculation for responding to company rates and forms filing average time is derived.

Rep. Berch suggested it would be interesting to track the withdrawals when licences won't be approved, in order to demonstrate the due diligence the department does take.

ADJOURN: There being no business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Michelle Anderson
Secretary