

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW05
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Clow, Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Cornilles, Dixon(24), Hawkins, Healey, Price, Wroten, Berch, Green, Galaviz
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Erickson
- 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 Ehardt** called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting with the following correction: On page 2, paragraph 7, second sentence should say "She agreed with **Rep. Hawkins** and **Rep. Weber** on the importance of maintaining local control..." and not "She agreed with **Rep. Hawkins** and **Rep. Weber** on the need for **H 106**..." **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Ehardt** recognized the high school classes in the audience from Idaho Falls.
- Jason Richardson**, teacher at Deseret Study Abroad Academy, introduced his class. They come every year and spend a week at the Idaho capital building to learn more about the Idaho legislature. As a micro school, the students work all summer to help pay for educational trips like this and abroad.
- Kym Drake** and **Pam Kentack**, teacher and administrator at Shelley High School, introduced their class. They are at the Idaho capital building for the State Leadership conference. Their students will be competing in various subjects relating to business and leadership.
- Chairman Ehardt** shared with the students in the audience on how the bill hearing process works in the Local Government Committee.
- S 1041:** **Senator Ricks** presented **S 1041**, and yielded his time to **Annette Dygert**, Owhyee Treasurer and also representing the Idaho Association of County Treasurers. The section of Idaho Code dictating investments county treasurers can make is the same as the state treasurer, but there is currently no reference made to this in the section of Idaho Code dictating the duties of county treasurers. This legislation would point to this section of Idaho Code, the authority the county treasurers have in investing funds, and the list of allowable investments. This will make it easier for new county treasurers to better understand and abide by their duties in regards to investments.
- When answering questions, **Ms. Dygert** clarified **S 1041** addresses investment responsibilities and authorities county treasurers already have, and would make it easier for new treasurers to find these in Idaho Code. This legislation would not change how counties make investments.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Weber** made a motion to send **S 1041** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary