

MINUTES  
**HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023

**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Weber, Representatives Blanksma, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Rubel, Necochea, Burns

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**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 Weber** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30467:** **Rep. Lanting** presented **RS 30467**, relating to excavation and damage prevention of underground utilities. This legislation defines emergency as it relates to utility excavation, clarifies responsibilities of facility owners, and extends the period of time surface markings are valid.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30467**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Weber** turned the gavel over to **Rep. Blanksma**.

**RS 30446:** **Chairman Weber** presented **RS 30446**, relating to the State Public Defenders Act. This legislation creates a new model for public defense across the state. It eliminates the Public Defense Commission and establishes the Office of State Public Defender and District Public Defenders for each of the state's Judicial Districts.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 30446**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Blanksma** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Weber**.

**RS 30490:** **Rep. Blanksma** presented **RS 30490**, which replaces **H 55**. This legislation ensures certain funding is used specifically for the administration, maintenance, construction and development of local bridges and highways.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30490**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

In answer to a question from the Committee, **Rep. Blanksma** explained the new RS addresses concerns the original language about maintenance was too restrictive.

**RS 30500:** **Rep. Dixon (24)** presented **RS 30500**, which is replaces **H 158**. This legislation relates to unfair service agreements in real estate. She explained the RS was amended to more clearly define the responsibility of county recorders.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 30500**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Manwaring** expressed appreciation for the amendment.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

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Representative Weber  
Chair

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Wendy Carver-Herbert  
Secretary