

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 01, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Ehardt, Young, Cannon, Erickson, Alfieri, Allgood, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Garner, Handy, Lambert, Sauter, Wroten, Gannon, Nash, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Nash

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 Skaug called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023, February 21, 2023, and February 23, 2023 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Skaug passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Scott**.

H 186: **Rep. Skaug** presented **H 186** regarding the addition of the firing squad as a secondary method of execution when lethal injection is unavailable.

Committee inquired regarding issues with firing squads in the past, the challenges with obtaining drugs for lethal injection, maintaining the anonymity of the drug supplying company, storing of lethal injection drugs, and the origin of the firing squad proposition.

Lamont Anderson, Lead Attorney for the Capitol Litigation Unit of the Idaho Attorney General's Office, testified **in support**.

Committee inquired regarding death penalty statutes, lethal drug alternatives and what entities are permitted to be present during executions.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **H 186** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Hillary Taylor from South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, testified **in opposition**.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON THE
MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Scott** requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE and 3 NAY and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Skaug, Scott, Ehardt, Young, Erickson, Alfieri, Allgood, Gallagher, Garner, Handy, Lambert, Sauter, and Wroten. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Cannon, Gannon, Mathias. Reps. Dixon (24) and Nash were Absent/Excused. Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Scott put the committee at ease at 2:18pm.

Chairman Skaug returned the meeting to order at 2:19pm.

H 187: **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 187** regarding automatic external defibrillators and legal immunity.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to send **H 187** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Director Ashley Dowell of the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole, presented the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole Performance Report.

Committee inquired regarding the purpose of victim contacts, description of medical parole, and the lack of performance measures for pardons.

Colonel Kedrick Wills of the Idaho State Police, presented the Idaho State Police Performance Report.

Committee inquired regarding the composition of calls for service, ideal number of troopers, expenditures for personnel costs, citizens' constitutional rights regarding Covid, the POST class schedule, and maintaining recruit standards.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary