

MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 07, 2023

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Blanksma, Manwaring, Yamamoto, Raybould, Durrant, Hill, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner, Burns, Necochea, Galaviz

**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 Mendive** called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27 and March 1, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1017:** **Rep. Rod Furniss**, District 31, described the bill, which is brought by the Department of Parks and Recreation and combines several IDAPA rules into code. It also allows the department to sell multi-year stickers for boats.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Furniss** introduced **Susan Buxton**, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Director Buxton explained the definition of vessel in the law would not change. She also noted the intent of the bill is not to change any rules or procedures to do with vessel registration or the invasive species sticker; the bill would merely move the regulation from rules into code. She clarified inflatable vessels under ten feet in length would be exempt from the sticker requirements.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **S 1017** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Tanner** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**HCR 7:** **Rep. Britt Raybould**, District 34, presented the resolution, which would support ongoing investment in the state's water infrastructure on a more long-term track similar to other large infrastructure investments like roads and bridges.

**Mary Alice Taylor** of the Association of Idaho Cities testified **in support** of the resolution.

**Douglas Jones** of Idaho Water Engineering testified **in support** of the resolution.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to send **HCR 7** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 120:** **Rep. Judy Boyle**, District 9, presented the bill. She noted her district is the only area in the state which currently has significant oil and gas resources.

**Rep. Boyle** then introduced **Mick Thomas**, Division Administrator for Minerals, Navigable Waters, and Oil and Gas at the Idaho Department of Lands, for further details on the bill. Mr. Thomas noted this is the first update to oil and gas law since 2017. The bill would alter the makeup of the Oil and Gas Commission and increase clarity in law and regulation for mineral interest owners. He described the public comment process Department of Lands conducted on the changes contained within the legislation.

In response to questions from the committee, **Mr. Thomas** noted no existing rules were included in the legislation. Rather, the changes focused on clarifying points of confusion, especially around reporting, and not creating any new authority for the Oil and Gas Commission. He also gave an overview of the current and proposed makeup of the Commission. The Commission currently includes a county commissioner from Payette County, the only oil and gas producing county in the state, three technical experts, and the Director of the Department of Lands. The proposed commission would remove the Director and one technical expert, and add two gubernatorial appointees.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to send **H 120** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

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Representative Mendive  
Chair

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Cameron Douglas  
Secretary