

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 09, 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, Cornilles, Crane(12), Lanting, Petzke, Redman, Berch, Green, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Furniss, Mitchell

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 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to approve February 9, 2023, February 13, 2023, February 15, 2023, February 21, 2023, and February 23, 2023 meeting minutes.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Ehlers**.

**DOCKET NO.
24-3910-2201:** **Vice Chairman Ehlers** reminded the committee of the previous presentations, discussions and public testimony given on **Docket No. 24-3910-2201**. He stated **Docket No. 24-3910-2201** is now before the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane(13)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3910-2201** with the exception of sections: 100.5, 200.03.c, 200.03.c.i, and 600 which will be rejected.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3910-2201** in its entirety.

Speaking to the substitute motion, **Rep. Lanting** shared based on previous testimony given, he is in support of the board's decisions. He also explained his rationale for supporting the journeyman-to-apprentice ratio comes from his concern for public safety.

Speaking to the substitute motion, **Rep. Rubel** explained, not being an electrician, she believes it's important to defer to the experts in their fields. She reminded the committee about the multiple meetings and testimony the Idaho Electrical Board heard on the proposed rules changes which had support of the majority of industry. She went on to share she thinks a thorough job was done vetting the changes and is in support of approving **Docket No. 24-3910-2201** as written.

Speaking to the original motion, **Rep. Crane(13)** shared it was exactly what the Senate Committee passed, so if the House Business Committee chooses to pass the original motion, it would align with where the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee is on this issue. **Chairman Clow** explained **Docket No. 24-3910-2201** is a fee rule as such, when passed, regardless if it's the original or substitute motion, it must have concurrence of both bodies. **Rep. Crane(12)**, citing his experience in the electrical profession, spoke **in support** of the original motion. **Rep. Dixon(1)**, speaking **in support** of the original motion, shared his concerns the testimony was weighted to one section of the industry.

Reps. Crane(13), Crane(12) and Dixon(1) declared a rule 80.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Crane(13) requested a roll call vote on the original motion and substitute motions. **Vice Chairman Ehlers** called for a vote on the substitute motion. **Substitute motion failed** by a vote of **4 AYE, 9 NAY, 4 absent/excused**. Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Berch, Green, Rubel**. Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Ehlers, Crane(13), Dixon(1), Andrus, Cornilles, Crane(12), Petzke, Redman, Clow**. **Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Furniss, Mitchell absent/excused**.

Speaking **in opposition** to the original motion, **Rep. Rubel** expressed concerns about the safety implications by changing the ratio and having a lower degree of supervision.

Speaking **in support** of the original motion, **Rep. Crane(13)** assured the committee an inspection is conducted prior to any wiring being covered by sheetrock, then a final inspection is completed afterwards.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Ehlers called for a vote on the original motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3910-2201** with the exception of sections: 100.5, 200.03.c, 200.03.c.i, and 600. **Original motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 4 NAY, 4 absent/excused**. Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Ehlers, Crane(13), Dixon(1), Andrus, Cornilles, Crane(12), Petzke, Redman, Clow**. Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Berch, Green, Rubel**. **Reps. Palmer, Barbieri, Furniss, Mitchell absent/excused**.

Vice Chairman Ehlers turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Representative Ehlers
Vice Chair

Michelle Anderson
Secretary