

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Green

**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 Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2023 and March 13, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30601C2: **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 30601C2**, proposed legislation requiring public schools and community libraries to take reasonable steps to restrict children's access to obscene or harmful material. **Rep. Crane (12)** stated several stakeholders came together to give their feedback and, as a result, there are a few changes to **RS 30601C2** reflecting the group's suggestions.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30601C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 293: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **H 293**, legislation establishing members of the State Board of Education be elected by zones. **Rep. Alfieri** stated approximately half of the state's budget is spent by this board and it is not demographically representative of the entire state.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 293** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Gannon** expressed his concerns of changing the board to partisan and elected positions, could result in special interest groups being involved and also more money to influence voters. **Rep. Green** stated she concurs with **Rep. Gannon's** opinions regarding a partisan election and she believes representation needs may be met using alternative methods.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Alfieri** stated it has been over 20 years since Kootenai County was represented on this board and 20 years since Canyon County was represented.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 293** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon** and **Green** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Alfieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1046: **Brody Aston** presented **S 1046**, legislation clarifying a clubhouse be considered contiguous of the golf course if it is located on a lake and within .5 miles of the course for the purpose of the sale of liquor by the drink. **Mr. Aston** stated the language is very specific to ensure there is no impact to other license holders.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion send **S 1046** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1047: **Brody Aston**, Westerberg and Associates, presented **S 1047**, legislation allowing for a historic liquor license for a structure that has been in existence for at least 110 years and considered as contributing to the historic district within the city limits of a resort city. Mr. Aston clarified this legislation is limited to one license per resort city and is nontransferable.

Ron Nate testified **in opposition** to **S 1047**, stating this legislation is a very specific carve out to allow a particular business be issued a liquor license. Mr. Nate remarked there should not be laws written so specific they only apply to individuals but instead, laws should be broader to include more citizens.

Brody Aston presented closing testimony on **S 1047**, stating this legislation was limited to resort cities, since their population varies greatly because of visitors.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1047** to the floor with no recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Green** stated this legislation would provide an economic value to these communities and may lead to refurbishing historical buildings in some of our smaller communities. Rep. Green also acknowledged the way the licensing structure stands is a disservice to our communities. **Reps. Holtzclaw, Scott, Alfieri** and **Gannon** remarked there is a problem with licenses which should be examined more closely and not just a carve out for very specific individuals.

In opposition of the motion, **Rep. Andrus** stated simply owning a business in historic a building does not mean they should be able to have a liquor license. **Rep. Young** remarked this legislation is too specific and the license should be obtained through the regular process.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1047** to the floor with no recommendation. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary