

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023
TIME: Upon Adjournment of the House Floor Session
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:** Rep. Barbieri
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 12:47 p.m.

Chairman Clow introduced page **Caitlin Yang**.

H 337: **Rep. Dixon(1)** expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders who came together to draft this legislation. He explained the purpose of this legislation is to address a number of different portions of Idaho electrical statutes: It creates the Idaho Electrical Code and adopts the 2023 version of the National Electric Code, with any previously accepted exclusions; creates a residential electrician license classification; defines what a residential electrical setting is; expands the scope of work for a journeyman electrician; expands who an electrical contractor may employ; limits the number of years a person can be an apprentice electrician; amends the electrical apprenticeship ratio; removes the continuing education requirement from apprentice electricians; increases the penalty for a violation of these statutes; affirms that the state of Idaho has the sole authority to establish apprenticeship ratios.

Chairman Clow opened the legislation to public testimony.

Testifying **in support** of **H 337 Jason Hudson** representing the Idaho AFL-CIO shared the legislation represents the hard work and compromise of multiple stakeholders. He expressed thanks to the sponsor for listening to the concerns of everyone and reiterated a lot of hands have been on this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 337** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Speaking to the motion, **Reps. Rubel** and **Green** expressed support while sharing concerns there wasn't more time for public comment and reserve the right to change their votes on the floor.

Speaking to the motion, **Rep. Dixon(1)** assured the committee this legislation has been a long time coming and stakeholders have been a part of the drafting process. He also expressed gratitude to **Chairman Clow** for gently nudging the stakeholders to the table.

Rep. Crane(13) expressed his thanks to all the stakeholders and the sponsor for the hard work to work on the legislation. He also thanked **Chairman Clow** for his leadership to bring the parties together. While the legislation doesn't have everything he wanted, a good compromise has been reached.

Speaking to the motion, **Chairman Clow** gave thanks to **Tim Frost** from DOPL and **Jason Hudson** from AFL-CIO for their efforts during the negotiation process.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Dixon(1) will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Michelle Anderson
Secretary