

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Dixon(1), Holtzclaw, Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Petzke, Gannon

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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

RS 31297C1: **Jim Addis**, Executive Director, Idaho Automobile Dealers Association, stated this proposed legislation should strengthen the independence of Idaho's auto dealers and promote a balanced relationship between Idaho franchises and the large multinational manufacturers. He remarked, this proposed legislation will clarify and modify current statute to ensure free local markets exist in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Yamamoto** made a motion to introduce **RS 31297C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31269: **Rep. Crane**, District 12, stated this proposed legislation would authorize the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to conduct a study of the traffic corridors of existing State Highways 55, 16, and 95, and determine if there are potential alternative north-south routes for safe travel between central Idaho and the Treasure Valley.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 31269. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30992: **Rep. Berch**, District 15, stated current law exempts the fee for a specialty Purple Heart license plate to only those recipients of a Purple Heart who are disabled. This proposed legislation would extend that benefit to all Purple Heart recipients whether or not they are disabled.

Rep. Berch yielded the podium to **Rep. Hill**, District 15. Rep. Hill stated he is cosponsoring this legislation because as a veteran, he believes this is a good gesture of support.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 30992. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:36pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary