

MINUTES

HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Ehardt, Young, Cannon, Erickson, Alfieri, Allgood, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Garner, Handy, Lambert, Sauter, Wroten, Gannon, Nash (Stinson), Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Alfieri

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 Skaug called the meet to order at 1:29pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Wroten** made a motion to approve the February 7, 2024 meeting minutes.
Motion carried by voice vote.

H 461: **Rep. Dixon (24)** and **Bryan Nickels**, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Administrative Hearings, presented **H 461** regarding administrative proceedings of the Office of Administrative Hearings.

MOTION: **Rep. Wroten** made a motion to send **H 461** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee inquired regarding implications of the legislation, departments falling under addressed disputes, and agency growth.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Dixon (24)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 462: **Rep. Dixon (24)** and **Ashley Dowell**, Executive Director of the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole, presented **H 462** regarding the Commission of Pardons and Parole and to correct errors and clarify existing language.

Committee inquired regarding specific changes, bodies authorized to issue warrants, ultimate supervisory authority, history of the Commission of Pardons and Parole and the catalyst of the change in statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 462** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Julianne Donnelly Tzul, ACLU of Idaho, testified in neutrality toward **H 462**.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Dixon (24)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1220: **Rep. Pickett** presented **S 1220** regarding domestic terrorism, due process, and the weaponization of labels.

Chairman Skaug informed the committee that testimony would be taken regarding **S 1220** and the vote would occur at a later date.

Committee inquired regarding current code that addresses domestic terrorism, history of code, impact of the law in Idaho, increase in quantity of individuals on the terrorist watch list, existence of an Idaho agency that currently tracks domestic terrorism, and protection of due process for individual American citizens.

Jennie Bateman, Minidoka Republican Central Committee, **Jill Clark**, **Mark Herr**, Center for Self Governance, testified **in support**.

Dianna David, **Eric Gironda**, **Tara Adams**, **Karen Hansen**, **Kathy Dawes**, **Andrea Wilson**, testified **in opposition**.

Committee inquired regarding lack of reporting assault, the spectrum of groups of citizens participating in First Amendment protected protests, impact of removing the "domestic" aspect of legislation regarding terrorism, application of current criminal law, non-governmental organization influence, and clarification of state and federal involvement.

Chairman Skaug put the committee at ease at 3:04pm.

Chairman Skaug reconvened the meeting at 3:17pm.

Nizhoni Crane, **Eric Parker**, and **Julie Lynde**, Idaho Family Policy Center, testified **in support**.

Julianne Donnelly Tzul, ACLU of Idaho, and **Marsha Bravo** testified **in opposition**.

Committee inquired regarding actual scenarios, domestic terrorist designation notification, ACLU support in similar legislation in Georgia, ACLU involvement with the Southern Poverty Law Center, existence of harm to Idaho citizens from an Idaho reporting mechanism between the state and federal government, clarity of definitions to protect civil liberties, vagueness of the definition "domestic terrorism", and sponsors' openness to language changes.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary