

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 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 (Brown), Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks, 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 1:30pm.

Chairman Palmer recognized the committee's Page, **Natalie Chrysler**, for her good work during the first six weeks of the Legislative Session.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 8, and 12 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 531: **Rep. Mendive**, District 5, stated **H 531** fixes the concerns brought forward last year with **H 133**, which was vetoed. He explained, the fixes include allowing qualified parents and legal guardians to be private educators for Class D Driver's Training Instruction Permits only in rural school districts or in school districts that do not offer driver's education courses. The students will still be required to complete the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA) Driver Education online course.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 531** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 532: **Rep. Mitchell**, District 6, stated **H 532** removes the six-month waiting period to qualify for a no-fee identification card through the Idaho Transportation Department, for the purpose of complying with voter registration and voting requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 532** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 533: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated **H 533** adds two new provisions to **Idaho Code, Section 49-937**, on vehicle mufflers and noise prevention. He explained, it first allows a commercial vehicle to idle for the purposes of using the vehicle's heating and air conditioning system when a driver is resting, and second, when vehicles are parked for the purpose of refrigerating perishable commodities, pharmaceuticals, or both.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 533** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Handy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary