

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 19, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Weber, Representatives Monks, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Rubel, Necochea, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Monks

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 Weber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

RS 31399: **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31399**. This proposed legislation will require non-residents to hold a valid hunting license prior to collecting, possessing or transporting antlers and horns. Speaker Moyle explained it is stressful on herds when people are hunting for antlers, particularly during mating season and it is important to protect Idaho's resources.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31399**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31406: **Speaker Moyle** presented **RS 31406**. This proposed legislation will require non-residents to participate in the draw process before being issued tags and permits for deer, elk and antelope hunts, rather than over-the-counter purchases. Speaker Moyle explained the need for this legislation to protect Idaho's resources for Idaho residents and it will task the Idaho Department of Fish and Game with establishing a draw process for non-residents.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31406**.

In answer to questions from the committee, **Speaker Moyle** said he expects there to be some push back from outfitters and guides, but this proposed legislation is a way to get the conversation started.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31385: **Rep. Galaviz** presented **RS 31385**. This proposed legislation establishes a 21-working day deadline for public agencies to respond to public information requests from non-residents. The 10-working day deadline remains as stated in statute for Idaho residents. Rep. Galaviz stated the increasing number of requests is growing at an untenable rate and this legislation will allow for more time to meet the demand, while still prioritizing Idaho resident requests.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31385**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31327: **Rep. Dixon (24)** presented **RS 31327**. This proposed legislation further clarifies that a homeowners association (HOA) cannot charge a fee for providing a statement of assessment account to homeowners, or their agents, if the request is made in writing. Rep. Dixon (24) explained HOA's are still charging for the service even though a law was passed last year to prevent the practice. This legislation provides for more clarity and transparency.

MOTION: **Rep. Necochea** made a motion to introduce **RS 31327**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 31392:** **Rep. Price** presented **RS 31392**. This proposed legislation clarifies notification requirements relating to mobile home community associations when property owners intend to sell their property. Rep. Price explained the legislation clarifies language in **H 424**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 31392**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31383C2:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 31383C2**. This proposed legislation addresses the need to update standards related to the transport and harvest of domestic cervidae under quarantine for chronic wasting disease. Rep. Raymond stated the RS replaces a bill introduced in House Resources and Commerce and includes further input from the Departments of Agriculture and Fish and Game as it relates to double versus single fencing, and permission from the director of the state Department of Agriculture to move herds.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Necochea** made a motion to introduce **RS 31383C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 31404:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 31404**. Rep. Raymond stated the proposed legislation relates to wolf and grizzly bear depredation. It clarifies language in **H 485** about how funds will be managed and allocated and ensures the process will be subject to rule making at the Idaho Department of Agriculture.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to introduce **RS 31404**.
- In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. Raymond** explained where the responsibilities for deterrence sits and which agencies will validate claims and make payments. He confirmed language about fair market value exists in current statute.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Weber** turned the gavel over to **Rep. Dixon (1)**.
- RS 31405:** **Chairman Weber** presented **RS 31405**. This proposed legislation deals with the Office of the State Public Defender and requests the transfer of funds for 40 hours paid time off per employee from the counties to the state agency.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31405**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Rep. Dixon (1)** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Weber**.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Representative Weber
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary