

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Rubel

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31412: **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 31412**, which address fines and second time offenses for illegally passing school buses during boarding and disembarking of children, and clarifies administration of the School Bus Camera Fund. Rep. Monks explained the proposed legislation came before the transportation committee but includes a few changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to introduce **RS 31412**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS: 31435: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 31435**, which relates to establishing or revising the baseline methodology for determining material injury related to Idaho water rights. Rep. Raybould stated the proposed legislation clarifies and codifies the Department of Water Resources process.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31435**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31397: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31397**, which will allow the Wolf Control Board to determine and pay for livestock losses. Rep. Boyle explained there has been a lot of problems with Federal Government paying for these losses and it is different than the other proposed legislation on the agenda.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (1)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31397**.
In answer to questions from the committee, **Rep. Boyle** stated the Wolf Control Board is solely focused on wolves and not grizzly bears.

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

RS 31426: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31426**, which will prohibit advertising of products and services in Idaho that are federally illegal. Rep. Boyle explained the 1980 U.S. Supreme Court ruled commercial free speech is allowed unless it is illegal at the Federal level.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 31426**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31437: **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31437**, which enhances and expands the Good Neighbor Authority, as managed by the Department of Lands.

MOTION: Rep. Manwaring made a motion to introduce **RS 31437. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Representative Weber
Chair

Wendy Carver-Herbert
Secretary