

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 29, 2024

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw (Johnson), Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**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 Crane (13)** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 744:** **Rep. Barbieri** presented **H 744** explaining this clarifies political action committee (PAC) transparency disclosures. It was recently discovered some political organizations in Idaho were not formally registered with the Secretary of State and were publishing materials for voters. This legislation states if organizations are addressing political issues taxpayers should know where the money is coming from.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 744** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1260:** **Rep. Gannon** presented **S 1260** explaining this legislation requires that in a city of over one hundred thousand people, an unopposed candidate for city council must be listed on the ballot.

**Luci Willits**, Boise City Councilwoman, testified **in support** of **S 1260** stating she ran unopposed and was not on the ballot. There would have been no additional cost to the city to list her on the ballot.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1260** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1364aa:** **Rep. Mathias** presented **S 1364aa** explaining this legislation consolidates licensing for breweries and states a brewer who exceeds 30,000 barrels of production in a year can still sell retail if they have operated continuously in the state of Idaho for 5 years, have not violated any provisions, and they have surrendered their wholesale licence. In response to committee questions, Rep. Mathias clarified this does not allow anyone to brew more or less beer, it only allows them to continue to sell retail in a tasting room.

**Jeremy Pisca**, Idaho Beer and Wine Distributors Association, testified **in support** of **S 1364aa** stating this statute was written to carve out space for smaller brewers to develop their brand. Now, one brewer in the state of Idaho is approaching a production number at which they would lose their retail licence at their brewery, but this legislation will prevent that. In response to committee questions, Mr. Pisca explained this legislation protects the capital investment of a tasting room while still allowing them to sell to retailers, but they must do so through a distributor.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **S 1364aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1421:** **Rep. Manwaring** presented **S 1421** explaining last year **S 1120** ended some speculation around state issued liquor licences. This legislation provides important next steps. As of July 1 of last year, licences cannot be sold, leased, or transferred. This legislation allows the licence to transfer to a new location within the same city. It also allows for the lease of a legacy licence issued before July 1 and allows for additional flexibility if the licenses is tied to the brick and mortar building instead of the operator. In response to committee questions, Rep. Manwaring clarified onetime only is intended to mean occurring once, not former.

**Rex Chandler, Steve Thomas, and David Krick**, FAIR Idaho, testified **in support** of **S 1421** stating the legacy/landlord provisions help restaurants in Boise, and the FAIR Idaho Assn. supports the legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **S 1421** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Johnson** spoke to the motion stating he hopes the state can get out of the liquor business one day altogether.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SJM 104:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **SJM 104** explaining the memorial sends a message to congress to take up the Hearing Protection Act. She explained the current suppressor regulations went into effect in 1934 as an attempt to address poaching, and are now handled similarly to a machine gun. This legislation would change regulations to those of a regular firearm. In response to committee questions, Rep. Boyle explained there is not a difference between a silencer and suppressor and would apply to all firearms.

**Owen Miller**, Vice President American Suppressors Assn., testified **in support** of **SJM 104** stating encourage Idaho has a long history of supporting second amendment legislation and ask they support the reduction of federal regulations on suppressors.

**Aoihbeen Cline**, National Rifle Association, testified **in support** of **SJM 104** stating the NRA supports both this resolution and the Hearing Protection Act in Congress.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **SJM 104** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Skaug** spoke to his motion stating he has a suppressor and it was difficult to get and he must carry a licence for it at all times.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gannon and Achilles** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Crane (13)** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Young.**

**S 1251:** **Rep. Crane (13)** presented **S 1251** explaining this legislation requires federal election political action committees to comply with Idaho election and reporting standards.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1251** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Gannon** spoke **in support** of the motion stating this is one of the best bills on election reform this session and he is delighted to vote for it.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Crane (13)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 AM.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Kennedy Jones  
Secretary