

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

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Chairman Barbieri

Vice Chairman Furniss

Rep Vander Woude

Rep Horman

Rep Scott

Rep Young

Rep Wisniewski

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Rep Mickelsen

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Rep Wheeler

Rep Chew (Wilson)

Rep Necochea (Casner)

Rep Rubel

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PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representative(s) Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew (Wilson), Necochea, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Horman

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 Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Chairman Barbieri explained there will be a presentation for the committee within a couple weeks and asked for any announcements.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Jacobi Van Amburg
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Thursday, February 08, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31173	Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council	Rep. Raybould

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DATE: Thursday, February 08, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew (Wilson), Necochea, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Allgood, Redman, Rubel

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Necochea** made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31173: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 31173** which establishes an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Advisory Council. The council includes six members: one House member, one Senate member, and then four AI experts/professionals. The Office of Information Technology Services will serve as a technical advisor to the council. Council members will be responsible for reviewing existing applications of AI in state government and identify potential state-level AI policies for consideration by the legislature and the governor. Based on the expenditures for prior interim committees, this council is estimated to require \$10,000 from the General Fund for each full year of operation. With the sunset date of January 1, 2027, the total appropriation over the lifespan of the council is estimated at \$25,000 from the General Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 31173**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Jacobi Van Amburg
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
24-0501-2301	Rules of the Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals	Amy Lorenzo, Building Construction and Real Estate Bureau Chief
58-0101-2301	Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho	Tiffany Floyd, Air Quality Division Administrator
58-0107-2301	Rules Regulating Underground Storage Tank Systems	Michael McCurdy , Waste Management and Remediation Division Administrator
58-0108-2301	Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water System	Jerri Henry, Drinking Water Protection and Finance Administrator Tyler Fortunati, Drinking Water Bureau Chief
58-0125-2301	Rules Regulating the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program	Mary Anne Nelson, Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Allgood, Redman, Rubel

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Necochea** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
24-0501-2301:** **Amy Lorenzo**, Building Construction and Real Estate Bureau Chief, presented the pending rules for **Docket No. 24-0501-2301** relating to Drinking Water and Wastewater. The pending rule disposes of outdated, duplicative, or created barriers while focusing on consumer protection and safety. The code of ethics was greatly simplified to remove language that could be perceived as a practice standard and this provided clarity for licensees and help remove cumbersome language. They also removed barriers by allowing distance learning opportunities for all of the license types except of back-flow assembly testers. The framework changed to identify a passing score instead of a percentage to provide standardization for the licenser process. There is a new licenser type for a small wastewater distribution system which was implemented due to feedback from stakeholders.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0501-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0101-2301:** **Tiffany Floyd**, Air Quality Division Administrator, presented the pending rules for **Docket No. 58-0101-2301** relating to the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho and the air quality divisions annual Incorporation by Reference of federal regulations. For DEQ to be implementing authority for the Clean Air Act, they are required to continually demonstrate the air quality program meets minimum federal requirements. This year's incorporation includes changes made to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as of July 1, 2023. EPA also updated regulations for source testing of emissions under various rules. This included correcting typographical and technical errors, updating outdated procedures, and adding clarity and consistency among monitoring requirements. The revisions will improve the quality of data but will not impose new requirements on facilities, owners, or operators.

MOTION: **Rep. Wisniewski** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0101-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
58-0107-2301:** **Michael McCurdy**, Waste Management and Remediation Division Administrator for the Department of Environmental Quality, presented **Docket No. 58-0107-2301** relating to the rules regulating Underground Storage Tank Systems. There are several sections which were revised to essentially simplify the language and provide clarity by removing outdated, duplicative and unnecessary language. These changes resulted in a reduction of 3,498 words, including 50 restrictive words.

MOTION: Rep. Raybould made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0107-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 58-0108-2301: **Jerri Henry**, Drinking Water Protection and Finance Division Administrator with the Department of Environmental Quality, presented **Docket No. 58-0108-2301** relating to the Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems. He stated this docket represents their compliance efforts with the Zero-Based Regulation Executive Order No. 2020-01, or ZBR. The goal of the ZBR effort was to perform a critical and comprehensive review of the entire chapter to reduce overall regulatory burden, streamline various provisions, and increase clarity and ease of use while maintaining state program approval and primacy of the Safe Drinking Water Act. For this rulemaking, they have updated their state rules to adopt by reference the federal regulations without being more stringent. They did not propose any new regulations not regulated by the federal government and no substantive changes were made related to the stringency requirements. They also have adopted the Code of Federal Regulations, as of July 1, 2023, which encompasses the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions that became effective December 2021. Jerri Henry then introduces **Tyler Fortunati**, Drinking Water Bureau Chief, to provide more information about the pending fee rule.

Tyler Fortunai talked in depth about fourteen sections of the pending fee rule which were modified to increase clarity and simplification of language.

MOTION: Rep. Wheeler made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0108-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 58-0125-2301: **Mary Anne Nelson**, Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator with DEQ, presented **Docket No. 58-0125-2301** relating to the Rules Regulating the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program. This docket complies with zero-based regulation review and rewrite of IDAPA 58-0125. The changes resulted in a reduction of over 6,700 words for a total reduction of 11 pages to reduce regulatory overburden. Incorporation by reference which rules have been changed and removed sections duplicative of Idaho Code. General purposes this rulemaking does not impose or increase a fee beyond what has been previously submitted to and reviewed by the legislature, but it is a fee rule.

MOTION: Rep. Raybould made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0125-2301**, with the exception of the typographical error on **pg. 457 section m. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Jacobi Van Amburg
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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW41
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 568	Artificial intelligence council	Rep. Raybould
	Keeping the Lights On	Rep. Lambert
	What's Next in Idaho's Energy Future	Madeline Schnapp, Retired Geophysicist and Economist

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PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representative(s) Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Young, Wisniewski, Raybould, Allgood, Bundy, Lambert, Mickelsen, Redman, Wheeler, Chew (Wilson), Necochea, Rubel

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative(s) Vander Woude, Horman, Mickelsen

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

H 568: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 568** on an Artificial Intelligence Council. This council functions as a state government entity and its primary focus lies in prioritizing specialization within AI applications while upholding constitutional and legal rights. Furthermore, the council is committed to respecting privacy and confidentiality, recognizing certain datasets as off-limits for inclusion in databases. The recommendations put forth by the council are designed to inform policy decisions and guide stakeholders towards ethical AI practices. Acknowledging the importance of oversight, the council has a sunset date, slated to conclude on January 1, 2027, unless legislative extension is warranted due to demonstrable positive outcomes. To effectively execute its mandate, the council requests a budget allocation of \$25,000, essential for fulfilling its objectives within the AI landscape.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **H 568** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a substitute motion to send **H 568** to **General Orders**.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 6 NAY and 3 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Rep. Scott, Rep. Wisniewski, Rep. Lambert, Rep. Redman, Rep. Chew (Wilson), Rep. Necochea, Rep. Rubel and Chairman Barbieri. Voting in opposition to the motion: Rep. Furniss, Rep. Young, Rep. Raybould, Rep. Allgood, Rep. Bundy and Rep. Wheeler. Rep. Vander Woude, Rep. Horman and Rep. Mickelsen were Absent/Excused.**

Madeline Schnapp, retired geophysicist and economist, came before the committee to talk about energy in Idaho. During her presentation, she touched upon the topic of sustainable and renewable energy, offering insights into the complexities surrounding their reliability and sustainability. She posited that while renewable energy sources are often touted as sustainable, they may not always be entirely renewable, pointing out the inherent challenges they face. She talked on the reliability of coal and nuclear power plants, highlighting their independence from weather conditions. To illustrate her point, she referenced a notable incident in Texas where wind and solar energy systems faltered for a prolonged period of seventeen days, resulting in significant repercussions, including the loss of two hundred lives.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Jacobi Van Amburg
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AGENDA
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
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Room EW41
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

or upon adjournment

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
SCR 113	Nuclear energy, supporting	Rep. Furniss

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Raybould, Allgood, Lambert, Wheeler, Necochea

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2024, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

SCR 113: **Rep. Furniss** presented **SCR 113**. The purpose of this legislation is to state the Idaho Legislature's strong support for the historical, current, and future regional impacts of the Idaho National Laboratory. In addition, the newly formed Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium is recognized and its potential contributions to clean energy innovation and regional economic development.

MOTION: **Rep. Allgood** made a motion to send **SCR 113** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

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	Approval of Minutes	

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Furniss, Representative(s) Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Raybould, Chew (Beazer), Rubel

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Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 1:53 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Necochea** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting with the following corrections: On page 1, paragraph 4, remove Rep. Necochea and **Rep. Rubel** and on page 1, paragraph 5, add Rep. Necochea and Rep. Rubel. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

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