

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Redman, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Cornilles, Crane(12), Ehlers, Monks, Cannon, Harris, Marmon, Rasor, Thompson, Wheeler, Berch, Green (Schubin)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Redman, Green

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 Clow called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

RS 31906: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 31906**, explaining the legislation preempts local governments from imposing any requirements to install or maintain EV charging stations or parking spaces at their facilities.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31906**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31843C1: **Rep. Beiswenger** presented **RS 31843C1**, explaining the legislation exempts contests of exhibitions from licensing requirements when they are fighting to raise money for a charitable organization.

After discussion, committee members determined the statement of purpose aligns with the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 31843C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Clow turned the gavel over to **Rep. Crane (13)**.

RS 31831: **Rep. Crane (13)** invited **Chairman Clow** to present **RS 31831** to the committee. Chairman Clow explained while wildfires have been in the news recently, this legislation has been in the works for a few years. Chairman Clow invited **Director Dean Cameron** from the Department of Insurance to further explain the legislation. Director Cameron explained the purpose of the legislation is to address the challenges consumers are facing in obtaining affordable property coverage due to potential wildfire risk. He explained the legislation will create an Idaho Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Stabilization Pool and Board.

In response to committee questions, **Director Cameron** explained the board would contract out some services and those costs would come from funding sources other than the General Fund. He further shared how the funding sources would work and how the wildfire pool will pay claims. Director Cameron explained currently there is no statutory place for the fees from the surplus lines to go. Director Cameron shared there are multiple causes of the wildfires. He indicated the willingness to address future questions from the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 31831**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Harris, Rasor, and Marmon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

Rep. Crane (13) put the committee at ease at 2:11 p.m.

Rep. Crane (13) turned the gavel over to **Chairman Clow**.

Chairman Clow resumed the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Chairman Clow / Vice Chair Redman introduced Department of Insurance **Director Dean Cameron** who gave a presentation about the upcoming Administrative Rules from the Department of Insurance.

Chairman Clow introduced DOPL **Bureau Chief – Administration, Katie Stuart** who gave a presentation about the upcoming Administrative Rules from the DOPL.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Representative Clow
Chair

Michelle A Anderson
Secretary