

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representatives Holtzclaw, Monks, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Clow, Harris, Mickelsen (Hatch), Pohanka, Gannon, Green (Morley)

**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 Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31908: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this proposed legislation amends **Idaho Code, Section 49-613**, by requiring complete tarping of loads of sand, gravel, and other commodities that can blow out of trucks and trailers. He indicated there are some exceptions such as canal companies, irrigation and drainage districts, and others. He also indicated there is a new fixed penalty of \$200.00.

Committee members raised several concerns such as costs to small companies to implement, the fixed penalty, and concern for impacts on counties without higher speed roadways. **Rep. Handy** stated these issues can be addressed in the full hearing.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31908**.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Chairman Palmer** was in doubt of the outcome of the voice vote and called for a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE and 3 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Palmer, Reps. Holtzclaw, Monks, Crane (12), Handy, Hill, Petzke, Boyle, Clow, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Gannon, and Green. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Mitchell, Shepherd, and Harris.**

RS 31813: **Austen Gujo**, DMV Policy Specialist, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), stated this proposed legislation will align existing concepts in statute currently. It will remove the requirement for exempt agency trailers and motorcycles to receive a small license plate, giving them the option for a small or large plate, and it clarifies temporary permits, known as trip permits, are required to be purchased before commercial vehicles enter the state in all situations.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to introduce **RS 31813. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31823: **Chrystal Allen**, DMV Policy Specialist, ITD, stated this proposed legislation has two parts. The first will make motorcycle endorsement permits and class D instruction permits valid for one year to align with the one year commercial learner's permit. The second part removes the requirement for customers surrendering a current/valid out-of-state driver's license from taking the knowledge test if they have previously held an Idaho driver's license because they have already demonstrated they understand the rules of the road in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to introduce **RS 31823. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31819: **Chrystal Allen**, DMV Policy Specialist, ITD, stated this proposed legislation will grant ITD authority to control access to source systems and to require fingerprint background checks in accordance with REAL ID certification standards. The goal is to safeguard the personal information of all Idaho citizens.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to introduce **RS 31819. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:49pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary