

MINUTES
HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 20, 2025

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Cannon, Vice Chairman Weber, Representatives Shepherd, Cheatum, Cornilles, Ehlers, Monks, Raymond, Bruce, Raybould, Shirts, Gannon, Berch

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Andrus, Hill

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 Cannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31953: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 31953**, which increases the funding to the Transportation Expansion Congestion Mitigation (TECM) program to support large, expensive transportation projects across the state using sales tax dollars. It also provides local governments with a set amount of money - \$45 million - for their roads each year.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Palmer** explained the current focus for projects is sufficiently targeted, and additional language concentrating on projects in Boise would not be necessary. He provided expansion on Highway 16 as an example of a project funded by TECM.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 31953**.

Rep. Berch supported the motion but noted his concerns about the obligations on the state budget provided by this and other bills in the event of an economic downturn, and urged the committee to approach funding questions holistically rather than one at a time.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Representative Cannon
Chair

Cameron Douglas
Secretary