

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 20, 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, Pohanka, Gannon, Green (Morley)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) 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 Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Palmer** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Mitchell.**

**H 13:** **Rep. Palmer**, District 20, stated this legislation establishes an exemption in **Idaho Code, Section 49-666**, for persons under eighteen years of age from the requirement to wear a helmet when riding in UTVs equipped with a roll cage and seat belts.

In response to a committee question asking if there is a definition of UTV in statute to assist law enforcement, **Rep. Palmer** indicated there is a definition section that clearly defines UTVs, ATVs, motorcycles, cars, and other vehicle types.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 13** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Vice Chair Mitchell** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

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Representative Mitchell  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary