

MINUTES
HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Alfieri, Representatives Scott, Ehardt, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Pohanka, Shirts, Gannon, Mathias, Rubel

**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 Skaug called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to approve the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 19: **Rep. Pohanka** and **Lt. Col. Russ Wheatley**, Idaho State Police, presented **H 19** regarding fingerprinting services for vulnerable populations.

Committee inquired regarding clarification of vulnerable populations and the allowance, but not requirement, by law for fingerprinting.

MOTION: **Rep. Erickson** made a motion to send **H 19** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pohanka** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 32007: **Rep. Handy** presented **RS 32007** regarding final arrangements by guardians for deceased wards of the State.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 32007**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31888: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 31888** regarding commercial sexual activity and solicitation.

Committee inquired regarding present penalty for solicitor, third party penalty for organization for solicitee, and impact on teenagers.

MOTION: **Rep. Erickson** made a motion to introduce **RS 31888**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Skaug turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Alfieri**.

DOCKET NO. 11-1101-2401: **Brad Johnson**, Division Administrator, Idaho State Police, presented **Docket No. 11-1101-2401** regarding rules of the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

Committee inquired regarding application to marijuana, and disclosure during investigation.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-1101-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 11-0301-2401: **Lt. Col. Russ Wheatley**, Idaho State Police, presented rules governing alcohol testing.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0301-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Alfieri turned the gavel over to **Chairman Skaug**.

Chairman Skaug put the committee at ease at 1:57pm.

Chairman Skaug reconvened the meeting at 2:17pm.

Jason Spillman, Legal Counsel, Administrative Office of the Courts, introduced the District Judges.

Rick Carnaroli, Administrative District Judge, Sixth District, presented information regarding the challenges of judicial recruitment and retention.

Committee inquired regarding terminology and penalties for sex-trafficking, lewd conduct, sexual battery, and rape.

Barry McHugh, Administrative District Judge, First District, presented information regarding the need for an additional First Judicial District judge.

Committee inquired regarding determination of which judge hears certain cases, impact of demographic shifts and pay on recruitment and retention, average number of hours worked weekly, options and practical application of remote work, connection between population growth and increased case load, drug-related cases, factors used to determine need for another judge, and the retirement program.

Steven Boyce, Administrative District Judge, Seventh District, presented information regarding the increasing complexity of cases and the administrative effects of lengthy trials.

Committee inquired regarding increasing complexity of cases, impact of artificial intelligence on civil litigation, and status of request for two additional District Judges.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:08pm.

Representative Skaug
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary