

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 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 (Casner)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Petzke

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.

Vice Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

RS 32069: **Rep. Mendive**, District 3, stated this proposed legislation is a clean up of last year's **H 531**, which allows parents or guardians to privately teach their children to drive and obtain a driver's license. He remarked, the program has been very popular with 155 students completing the program and 808 in progress. But, there was an issue regarding the online training portion. This proposed legislation would provide other options, in addition to the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance, to take and complete the mandatory 30 hours of classroom training, as long as the online course is approved by the State Department of Education. He also stated this proposed legislation removes confusing language and clarifies the process.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 32069. Motion carried by voice vote.**
Vice Chair Mitchell turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer.**

RS 31809: **Rep. Hill**, District 14, stated the Idaho Code of Military Justice (ICMJ) is specific to the National Guard, which ensures good order and discipline. He then yielded the podium to **Captain Anderson.**
Captain Anderson, Idaho National Guard (ING), stated the intent of this proposed legislation is to clean up the ICMJ to enable commanders to address minor military misconduct within the ING, including the Idaho Air National Guard and Idaho Army National Guard, while ensuring due process. These changes include updates to add constitutional search and seizure language and the allowance for any Judge Advocate to participate in courts martial. He explained, these revisions can be found within Articles 15, 20, and 27. Captain Anderson also stated there is cleanup in several other Articles to remove inapplicable language.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 31809. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32042: **Rep. Rasor**, District 1, stated this proposed legislation amends **Idaho Code, Section 40-203**, regarding abandonment of roads and public rights-of-ways. He stated, abandonment involves a lengthy process for a county or highway district to go through when a public road is being abandoned. When cases involve access to public lands or waters, this proposed legislation adds to the process to allow access evidence to be presented as well as identifying a replacement access route that must be completed before abandonment is finalized. He remarked eminent domain nor condemnation can be used, and this proposed legislation will not effect any current or pending road abandonments or vacations.

In response to a question regarding if this proposed legislation includes RS2477 roads, **Rep. Rasor** stated this proposed legislation is about abandonment/vacation of roads, not validation.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32042. 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