

MINUTES  
**HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 03, 2025

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Redman, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Cornilles, Crane(12), Ehlers, Monks, Cannon, Harris, Marmon, Rasor, Thompson, Wheeler, Berch, Green (Casner)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Crane (12), Monks, Berch

**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 Clow** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Chairman Clow** welcomed **Ellie Casner** who is substituting for **Rep. Green**.

**RS 31818:** **Rep. Furniss** explained the proposed legislation repeals the Idaho Small Employer Carrier Reinsurance Program as it has no active carrier members and is no longer necessary. The last claim was paid in 2016. It is required to have costly audits each year, despite the account being zero.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Furniss** explained the Affordable Care Act replaced the need for this program. There is no reason to keep it on the books.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 31818. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31816:** **Rep. Redman** explained the proposed legislation establishes Idaho-specific standards for insurance-related data security. The legislation requires any person or entity licensed, authorized to operate, or registered, or required to be licensed, authorized, or registered pursuant to the insurance laws of Idaho to create a data security plan that is commensurate to the size and complexity of the insurer, and allows for the investigation of and notification to consumers and the Director of the Idaho Department of Insurance upon the occurrence of a cybersecurity Event. It addresses privacy concerns associated with organizational cybersecurity practices, provides for rulemaking authority, and establishes various exceptions for certain individuals and entities.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Redman** explained the intent of the waivers is to keep from burdening smaller agencies.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 31816. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31964:** **Rep. Redman** explained the Federal government's implementation of the Corporate Transparency Act has led to unneeded regulation of small businesses in Idaho, and court challenges have caused great confusion. This Memorial expresses the desire for the United States Congress to repeal the Corporation Transparency Act and eliminate red tape on small businesses.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Redman** explained he doesn't currently have a follow up bill in the works, but is hopeful the current administration will take action.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehlers** made a motion to introduce **RS 31964. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Discussion on the motion was held. Committee members expressed support for the motion noting the Corporate Transparency Act is burdensome to Idaho companies and is an invasion of privacy.

**RS 32119:**  
**RS 32120:**  
**RS 32121:**  
**RS 32122:**  
**RS 32123:**  
**RS 32143:**

**Rep. Ehlers** explained the purpose of these pieces of proposed legislation is to remove the licensure requirement for genetic counselors, shorthand reporters, thermal stylists, makeup artists, glamour photographers, and dentistry respectively.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Ehlers** explained the purpose of deregulating these professions is to make Idaho a more business-friendly place. He also shared the market could do a better job of regulating these areas. He explained it is similar to hiring for an unlicensed profession such as a secretary. The marketplace determines the qualifications they want. He further explained licensure can be a barrier for Idahoans to enter some fields. Rep. Ehlers shared he has met with DOPL to understand how the oversight works.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32119**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32120**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32121**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32122**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32123**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32143**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Discussions on the motions were held. Committee members shared an interest in learning more about the potential impact of delicensing on public safety for some of the licenses considered.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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Representative Clow  
Chair

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Michelle A Anderson  
Secretary