

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 04, 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) 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

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Palmer** made a unanimous consent request to reorder the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

RS 32138: **Rep. Ehlers**, District 21, stated this proposed legislation would require commercial wind energy conversion systems (turbines) to use light mitigation technology if approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He explained, currently, there are red lights atop each turbine that constantly blink on and off. The blinking lights can be very disruptive to residents in homes, adjacent to these wind farms, that were there before the wind farms existed. This proposed legislation would mitigate the constant blinking red lights with technology used for aircraft safety, by only illuminating when aircraft is detected by radar when entering a specified distance to the wind farms.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32138. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32051: **Rep. Vander Woude**, District 22, stated this proposed legislation updates and amends Idaho's Dig Once Policy by expanding its application to single county-wide highway districts. He explained, expanding the Dig Once Policy will further encourage the cost efficient, orderly, and coordinated expansion of broadband services by requiring the single county-wide highway district to include the installation of broadband infrastructure during roadway construction and maintenance projects.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 32051. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32076C1: **Rep. Handy**, District 27, stated this proposed legislation is a replacement for **RS 31908**, heard earlier in committee, to better describe the conditions that require trucks to cover their loads. Additionally, this proposed legislation changes the penalty to an infraction.

MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32076C1. Motion failed by voice vote.**

RS 32144: **Rep. Mickelsen**, District 32, stated this proposed legislation is a replacement for **RS 31990**, heard earlier in committee, to better address election concerns. It clarifies that mobile identification cannot be used as a means of voter identification.

In response to committee concerns regarding if this proposed legislation prevents sharing personal information overseas, **Rep. Mickelsen** stated nothing in this proposed legislation speaks to that concern.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to introduce **RS 32144. Motion failed by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary